

WEATHER SYNOPSIS  
The barometer is rising on the Coast and weather conditions are generally fair. Moderately cold weather prevails on the interior.

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## WE EXTEND SEASON'S GREETINGS TO OUR READERS

### FRANC IS NAILED AT 4-CENT VALUE

Taking Situation in Hand French Treasury Succeeds in Two Days in Putting Unit on Solid Ground

**BANK OF FRANCE OFFERS TO BUY OR SELL MONEY**

Will Sell Francs for Dollars If Price Rises Above Mark, or Buy Francs With Dollars if It Goes Below

PARIS, Dec. 24.—French trade received an acceptable Christmas present today in the form of a steadied franc. Taking the situation in hand on Wednesday, the Bank of France and the French Treasury succeeded in two days in putting the French unit on a solid basis. The French unit was apparently solid ground through the simple announcement that they were ready either to buy or sell dollars and pounds to any amount the speculators wanted to buy or unload.

Reliable information is that the Government intends for the moment, to keep the pound between 121 and 123 francs, and the dollar at around 25 francs. This is taken as indicating that eventual stabilization will be in the neighborhood of these figures.

The movement in the direction of what today was called semi-official, "pre-stabilization," was well timed and carefully prepared. Premier Poincaré is understood to have made up his mind that the franc could not go higher without greatly affecting economic conditions. Unemployment, while not yet serious, threatened to assume alarming proportions, from the fact that it has been impossible for several weeks to do any business for next year's delivery.

**Plenty of Exchange on Hand**

Having plenty of dollars and pounds in hand the Government was prepared to grapple with speculators on both sides of the market.

To steady the franc, however, it appears that little or no outlay of money was required; the mere announcement that the Bank of France was ready to satisfy all appetites of a speculative nature, threw a wet blanket on everything but legitimate exchange business and operations suddenly fell to insignificant proportions.

The operation had a healthy effect on general business. The bourse, after an irregular session Thursday showed considerable improvement today. The general opinion is that M. Poincaré has cleverly checked speculators who had been seeking indications as to the figure at which the franc was likely to be stabilized, but were caught unaware by the sudden official announcement.

### Death of McLeod Was Accident Is Verdict Of Coroner's Jury

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—The coroner's jury inquiring into the death of Kenneth W. McLeod, who fell from a ninth-story window in the Hotel Vancouver Wednesday evening, returned a verdict that the death of the accident fell from a window in room 930 after drinking. R. C. Burdick, who had occupied the same room during the day was not held responsible in any way for the accident.

A rider was attached to the verdict recommending that windows on the higher floors of the hotel be protected with bars.

From the  
**Colonist Tower**

Saturday, December 25

359th Day, 1926

### THE WEATHER

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh south and west winds, generally fair with occasional rain.

Sun Rises: 8:04 o'clock.  
Sun Sets: 4:23 o'clock.

High Tide: 9:30 a.m., 8.9 feet.  
Low Tide: 12:16 a.m., 3.3 feet.

### Deep-Sea Shipping

Arrival—President Jackson, from Orient, 8:30 a.m.

Departures—Empress of Russia, for Orient, 6:30 p.m.

### The News

**Local and Provincial**

Turkey, fruits and nuts missing at celebration with Christmas here seventy-six years ago.

Hon. R. F. Toimie returns to city with word that he will continue Federal session as Victoria representative.

Local fire rescues drifting fisherman.

Coroner's jury gives verdict of death of Mr. K. McLeod.

France stabilizes franc of four cents.

Two explanations given of Prince Carol's disappearance.

Rear end collision on Montreal street railway.

Christmas in England and in Italy. Canada's national debt reduced by force of circumstances.

New Emperor ascends throne of Japan with ancient ceremonies.

### PRINCE REGENT ASCENDS THRONE

Yoshihito Dies and His Son Hirohito Reigns in His Place—With One Exception All Family Present

### NEW EMPEROR INVESTED WITH SACRED TREASURE

TOKYO, Dec. 25.—Yoshihito, Japan's invalid Emperor, died in the early hours of this Christmas morning. Hirohito, his eldest son, who since November, 1921, had ruled the Empire as Regent, immediately became Japan's 124th Emperor. The ceremony of the ascension of Hirohito to Imperial office took place in the main hall of the villa at Hayama, in which his father had just succumbed to pneumonia after a critical illness of more than two weeks. Hirohito went almost directly from the death bed of his father to the coronation which proclaimed him monarch. Japanese custom so decreed. Yoshihito yielded his life while surrounded by his family except his second son, Prince Chichibu, who is hastening home from England. The efforts of His Majesty's medical physicians, who attended him day and night, and the unceasing devoted attendance of Empress Sadako, many times warded off death in the Emperor's last day. The devotion of his attendants and the prayers of the nation were given credit by the Japanese for the prolongation of the life of the sovereign, who since birth had suffered physical afflictions which ultimately affected his mentality.

### Sword and Mirror

The ceremony by which Hirohito became invested with Imperial power was simple, it consisting of turning over to his keeping the sacred treasures, symbolical of sovereignty. These treasures, really replicas of originals which are actually deposited in shrines, are venerated as having descended from the gods. With the treasures was also handed to the new Emperor the prior seal of the Empire.

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### CARS COLLIDE ON MONTREAL STREET

### TWO PEDESTRIANS CROSSING ROAD ARE CAUGHT BETWEEN TRAM ENDS

Both Cars Packed With Christmas Shoppers But No One Killed Though Several Hurt

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Two pedestrians, one of whom was a child, were hurt; panic ensued among more than 100 persons, and two cars were damaged when a trolley car crashed into the rear of another trolley car in the same direction at the intersection of St. Denis Street and Mount Royal Avenue, just before 5 o'clock. The victims are William Landry, seventeen, whose right foot will have to be amputated; Omer Beaupre, forty-six, internal injuries; R. Corbell, thirty-eight, conductor, badly cut.

The cause of the smash-up, which resulted in the wreck of the rear vestibule of the first car, is believed to have been failure of brakes on the second car. Witnesses said that the first car was stopped at the corner and the other approached at a fair rate of speed.

Both cars were packed with late Christmas shoppers. The shock of the collision deflated both cars. Those riding on the side steps were thrown to the ground.

The pedestrians, Landry and Beaupre, were caught between the trolleys as they were crossing the street. Beaupre was jammed between the two cars. Landry's right foot was crushed between the two cars.

Corbell, conductor of the first car, stuck to his post when the smash occurred. Despite the fact that the platform on which he stood was a wreck, he escaped with minor hurts.

### President Reatty Says New Year Looks Hopeful

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Mr. E. W. Reatty, K.C., president of the C. P. Railway, believes that the new year holds in store many blessings for the people of Canada. In a message today the railway chief says: "Not for a long period has Canada faced a new year's dawn with such reason for hope in the immediate future than is now clearly observable as we enter the sixtieth year of Canada's Confederation. Business and economic conditions in all parts of the country are sounder than they have been for several years."

### Wells Returns

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—International extradition proved too much for Harold G. Wells, thirty-five, stock salesman, and he returned voluntarily to Vancouver, B.C., today to face a charge of fraudulent conversion rather than wait in jail here until ordered back.

### Boys' Naval Brigade Band to Go to England



VERY exciting news came to the Boys' Naval Brigade Band last evening. This was to the effect that the organization will leave Victoria in March for a three months' tour in the Old Land.

The invitation is distinctly flattering to the band and is generally regarded as not only attracting attention to the musical unit itself but its home town, Victoria, as was the case last summer when the youthful musicians took first prize at the open band contest in Vancouver.

In addition to touring England the band will possibly visit Belgium and France, which would mean that their name and Victoria's would become known in that part of the continent.

The tour is the outgrowth of interest, on both sides of the Atlantic, the actual arrangements being partly the result of efforts on the part of Mr. P. A. Royer, of the Navy League, and partly due to the interest taken by the Hon. S. F. Toimie, through whose efforts free transportation will be furnished.

The Boys' Naval Brigade Band was organized about five years ago and the keen interest of the young players, first under bandmaster Rumbey, latterly under the directorship of Mr. Arthur Hodgkins, has brought them to a fine degree of musicianship. During the past twelve months they have made particularly notable progress, evidence of this being found in their success at the open band contest in Vancouver last August. Everyone connected with it may well have a genuine sense of pride in the recognition of its musical prowess which this invitation implies.

### Santa Unaware Victoria Existed 76 Years Ago

Saint Nicholas, the Christmas Tree and Christmas Turkey All Absent From Yuletide Festivities When City Was in Embryo

WHILE Santa Claus has made his miraculous sojourn in Victoria this morning, it is interesting to be told that he was completely unaware of the existence of Victoria three-quarters of a century ago, when there were only a dozen or so of chimneys for the jolly old fellow to negotiate.

But that was in days when Victoria did not exist as a city—when Victoria was not the populous capital of a great Province, was not an important port of call for ships and travelers from all parts of the world, but was only a tiny outpost of the great Hudson's Bay Company.

That was long ago, so long indeed, that there is only one person alive who can tell us what Christmas Day was like here then. That man is Mr. James R. Anderson, the oldest pioneer in British Columbia, who came to Port Victoria—not Fort Camosun, he says, by the way, from Langley, in 1850, as a little boy.

In 1850, Mr. Anderson told The Colonist yesterday, there was no settlement here. There was only a fort. One bastion of this was situated at the point where Government and Bastion Streets now intersect. From this point a high palisade stretched south for 150 yards along what is now Government Street, and then branched off to the west for 150 yards to another bastion. Thence the palisade stretched north for 150 yards to the first bastion at the northeast corner.

But few houses

Inside the palisade were a few houses, a big mess hall and a store—a department store, if you will, for all the needs of the handful of people that comprised the garrison had to be supplied from its shelves, but no elaborate structure of steel and concrete, like the stores of today.

Outside the palisade was undulating ground.

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Upon the question of the North Okanagan vacancy Dr. Toimie has nothing to say.

Dr. Toimie, on his way through Vancouver, met prominent Conservatives. He announces that the party executive chosen at Kamloops convention will assemble in Vancouver early in January, the date to be set after he has had an opportunity to meet Island members, to fix a date generally acceptable.

Regarding the recent brief session at Ottawa, Dr. Toimie explains there is little to add beyond voicing praise for the French army, the Conservative leader, whose address appears in the country as in the House of Commons.

According to present plans, it is expected that the city member will remain in British Columbia until about February 1.

### Tug Strath Picks Up Fishing Craft In Helpless State

The tug Strath, Captain D. B. Macpherson, Victoria, was en route to this port from Vancouver on Thursday night, playing the Santa Claus role in a most welcome manner to the crews of two fishing vessels. While just off Point Grey the two vessels, drifting helplessly in heavy seas, were sighted.

The Strath, which was on her way here to enable the crew to spend Christmas in the home port, immediately stopped and the members of the distressed craft were taken on board, cared for and the fishing craft taken back in tow to Vancouver. The rescued ships were the Caledonia and an unnamed craft.

### Thirty-Five People Crash Through Bridge On California River

MODESTO, Cal., Dec. 24.—The California Transit Company's stage, southbound with thirty-five passengers, was reported to have crashed through Ripon bridge, over the Stanislaus River, tonight.

Many passengers were reported injured.

### Winnipeg Breweries Pay Thousand Dollar Fines

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—Fines totaling \$2,000 were levied in police court today on three Winnipeg breweries. When officers of the city pleaded guilty to charges of selling liquor to non-licensed holders. Counsel for the defendants urged leniency, whereupon the Bench replied: "Yes, I will be easy, make it \$1,000 in each case."

### Minister of Defence Sends His Greetings

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The Minister of National Defence and members of the Defence Council have extended their season's greetings to all ranks of the Canadian Militia, the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the staff and gentlemen cadets of the Royal Military College.

### Escaped From Window But Froze His Feet

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—Trapped in his bedroom when fire enveloped his home, D. Heath, visiting relatives at Dallas, Man., jumped from the second story of the house, dressed for sub-zero weather.

He was unable to rescue his socks and shoes, and before he reached the shelter of a neighbor's farm, both his feet were frozen.

### Restaurants Raided

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Thirty-two persons, starting an old-fashioned Christmas celebration here today were arrested when the police dry squad swooped down on two Seattle restaurants.

Twenty-seven were charged with being in places where liquor was sold and the others were held as the operators of the establishments.

### Rhineland Commander Pardons Two Germans

LANDAU, Germany, Dec. 24.—General Guillaumont, commander of the French Forces in the Rhineland, today granted Christmas pardons to Herr Kegel and Herr Fechter, two of the six Germans who were given jail sentences by a French court-martial in the Kourier case. It is expected here that President Doumergue will pardon the other four Germans.

### Toronto Has Record For Christmas Mail

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Previous records for mail in Toronto were broken Thursday by the deluge of letters, parcels and papers that reached postal headquarters in this city. The letters and first class mail put through the stamp cancelling machines, pointed in Toronto for delivery here and other points, reached the total of over 1,500,000.

### Axeman Slips

KINGSTON, Dec. 24.—George Loyat, of Arden, Ont., was fatally injured at that town today, while cutting wood he slipped on some ice and fell, the axe cutting through his face and jaw. His leg was also broken.

### Barony Inherited

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Thomas Aubrey Spring-Rice, former secretary in the British Embassy at Washington, today inherited the barony of Montagu. His father, Baron Montagu of Brandon, died today.

### DON QUIXOTE OR SANCHO PANZA?

Two Very Different Explanations Are Given of Disappearance of Prince Carol From Home in France

### IS HE ON VENTURE OR HAS WINE BEEN STRONG?

One Version Is That He Has Gone to Rumania to Risk Life for Throne—Other Is That He Is "Celebrating"

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Carol, former Crown Prince of Rumania, has been absent from his home in Neuilly, a suburb of Paris, for more than thirty hours. Although a lone servant at his villa this evening said his master might return tonight, diplomatic circles aver that the Prince is on the way to Bucharest to resume the prerogatives of the Hohenzollern dynasty which he renounced some months ago.

Neighbors of "Mr. Caraiman," as he is known in Neuilly, believe that he has just advanced his Christmas celebration.

Reports current in Neuilly are that Prince Carol's private secretary boarded the Simphon express going in the direction of Bucharest, Thursday. Others say that the Prince himself left in an automobile Thursday afternoon, in time to catch the Simphon express leaving Paris at 8:30 p.m., Thursday. It is also reported Carol boarded the express at the first stop after leaving Paris, as he did not want to enter the train at the Paris terminal. Yet, there are friends of his who say he was seen in Montmartre resorts early this morning dancing to music, but that Mme. Magda Lupescu, who came with him to France from Rumania, and who has been his constant companion, was not with him.

Propaganda

These friends are certain that the Prince has separated from Mme. Lupescu and that she is living about a mile from his villa. They describe the demeanour of Carol for the past three months as that of a man who has seen a great light and that he appears to be enjoying himself in the public at large and especially the people of Rumania, forget the past.

The King, although he agreed to the renunciation of Carol at the time, is Continued on Page 2

### WORLD CAPITALS CELEBRATE DAY

London Has Bright Frosty Weather—British Population Settles Down to Three Days' Christmas Holiday

### CITY OF SEVEN HILLS ALSO MAKES FESTIVAL

Midnight Mass Celebrated—People Feast on Characteristic Viands—Royal Family Come to Quirinal

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Bright frosty weather, such as England seldom has for Christmas, prevails for the Yuletide festival. But the cold, otherwise might be welcome as suitable for the holiday, is a misfortune for London, for it comes at a time of coal famine and a renewal of long coal queues, recalling the rationing times of war. There is plenty of coal in the country, but for unexplained reasons, it fails to reach London. Coal merchants and the railways are blaming each other and the shivering public is half suspicious it is a dodge to raise prices to the altitude reached during the recent coal strike. Meanwhile patient housewives are racking their brains as to how to cook the Christmas dinner.

The British population, after concluding its Christmas shopping to-night, settled down to a three-days' holiday. Every kind of business activity will cease until Tuesday morning. Newspapers will not appear either tomorrow or Monday and only the knowledge the people will get of world happenings will be by radio broadcast and the Sunday papers which will appear as usual.

Spending Christmas in hotels and seaside resorts is as popular as ever and there has been a heavy railway traffic on this account.

All the members of the royal family, including the Prince of Wales, have assembled at Sandringham as guests of the King for Christmas.

In Italy

ROME, Dec. 24.—As the bronze-toned bell heralded the beginning of the midnight Christmas mass over the Seven Hills of the Eternal City, Pope Pius in the Vatican and the people in Rome in their twenty-four churches knelt in joyful celebration of the birth of Christ. Every house of worship, from the tiniest churches illumined with a few dozen candles to austere basilicas whose nave echoed with the voices of boys raised in liturgical exaltation, were crowded with worshippers.

Nat Turkey

For the most part the people feasted on sels carefully selected at the fishmarkets, which remained open for forty-eight hours to meet the demand for the delicacy, without which the Christmas dinner would not seem complete. The children gorged themselves with rich cakes, Premier Mussolini having allowed Italy a respite from the war bread for the duration of the holiday season.

King Victor Emmanuel, Queen Helen and Crown Prince Humbert came especially from Turin to celebrate Christmas at the Quirinal Palace. On his arrival the monarch announced a personal subscription of a million lire to the "Lictoral Loan," which is being raised to help stabilize the country's finances.

### Close of Navigation Upon St. Lawrence Is Officially Announced

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Navigation was declared closed today when the Department of Marine announced their decision to keep the Mikula at Quebec, instead of sending her up the river in an endeavor to release the ocean ships which are tied up at Montreal, and will have to remain here for the balance of the Winter.

### Parole Officer Also Is Indicted by Jury

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Nine of ten Seattle policemen named in secret liquor conspiracy indictments returned by a grand jury Wednesday were today suspended for thirty days by Police Chief Searing. Lual, George H. Comstock was the only officer to escape the suspension order. Searing explained that Comstock was suspended for thirty days last Spring when he was indicted in a liquor conspiracy case and said he understands that the present indictments include virtually the same charges.

L. Howard Shattuck, former State Legislator, Kitsap County Sheriff and State Parole officer, surrendered himself on one of the secret indictments and posted \$2,000 bonds, which were reduced from \$5,000 by Federal Judge Neider.

### King Ferdinand Equal To Hand-Shaking Trial

BUCHAREST, Dec. 25.—King Ferdinand, despite his recent operations, was able to preside today at the distribution of Christmas gifts to members of the Civil and Military household. The entire household, from court marshal to stable boy, gathered around the great Christmas tree and each received a present and a kind word.

The King shook hands with each and seemed to take pride in demonstrating the firmness of his grasp.

### Landslide in Seattle

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Four houses were demolished and two were damaged here today when thousands of tons of dirt and stone avalanched down a 300-foot hill. The slide was caused by melting snow. One of the destroyed houses was occupied and its residents narrowly escaped with their lives.

### Bank Robbed

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—A robber held up a residential branch of the Commercial National Bank here today and escaped with \$2,500. Two employees were barricaded in a rear room.



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the winner."

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## SHOULD RAILWAYS BE PROSPEROUS?

PRESIDENT BEATTY SPEAKS ON  
OUTLOOK FOR TRANSPORTA-  
TION SYSTEMS

He Asks Whether Bad Financial Con-  
dition of Railways Would Be  
Public Good

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 23.—Address-  
ing the Ontario Commercial Travel-  
ers' Association at its banquet here  
tonight, Mr. E. W. Beatty, chairman  
and president of the Canadian Pacific  
Railway, made pointed reference to  
the Canadian railway situation, draw-  
ing attention to the difficulties threat-  
ening the railways as a result of the  
combination of demands upon them  
for higher wages on the part of the  
employees and lower rates on grain  
and other commodities from shippers  
in some parts of the country.

"Your railways are not prosperous  
and have not been prosperous since  
the war ended," he said. "It is true  
they have improved their position,  
the National Railways having  
substantially reduced their de-  
ficits and the Canadian Pacific show-  
ing in 1925 a larger margin of safety  
after charges than in any year since  
1917. We all hoped that this progress  
would mean that the railways  
would not only keep step with any  
forward movement but in addition  
extend their facilities without ex-  
hausting borrowings in order to make  
an even greater contribution to the  
country's prosperity."

Demand for wage increases and  
applications for decreased rates had  
intervened "to make us apprehend  
that this prospect will not be as good  
as we hoped," said Mr. Beatty. Every  
railway officer should admit the right  
of labor to fair wages, but none could  
concede that labor rates in Canada  
should inevitably follow those in the  
United States. In the latter country  
living conditions were different and  
the average earnings of the United  
States roads were two and a half  
times per mile more than those of  
Canadian roads. The Canadian Pacific  
Railway's average yearly earnings were  
3.99 per cent on the money actu-  
ally invested in the property. In the  
United States for some weeks past and  
protected in that their aggregate  
rates might give them a return of 3 1/2  
per cent on their valuation.

Notwithstanding the prosperity,  
huge population, great density and  
diversity of traffic in the United  
States, general railway rates in Can-  
ada are 10 to 12 1/2 per cent below  
those prevalent in the United States.  
While on Canada's principal com-  
modity, grain, rates are twenty-five to  
thirty-five per cent lower than United  
States rates.

President Beatty summed up the  
position by asking his audience  
whether they considered "that the in-  
terests of the country would be fur-  
thered by larger deficits on the Na-  
tional Railways and lower earnings on  
the Canadian Pacific, with the inevi-  
table consequences of reduced and pos-  
sibly impaired service, or whether the  
country as a whole and the business  
communities of Canada would be bet-  
ter off by the enormous head and  
sary arteries of commerce and de-  
velopment being made strong and  
healthy and capable of assisting as  
they are in the further development of  
this country."

## PRINCE REGENT ASCENDS THRONE

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The ceremony took place in the  
presence of Cabinet Ministers, other  
Government officials, field marshals of  
the army and admirals of the fleet.

Simultaneously, the ritual in the  
Imperial Palace, Tokyo, reports the  
ceremonies in the "Hall of the Gods," also  
to the ancestral spirits in the "Hall of  
Ancestors."

Crown Princess Nagako was de-  
clared Empress, and the Empress Sa-  
dako, widow of the deceased Emperor,  
became the Dowager Empress.

Coronation in 1928

The actual coronation of Hirohito,  
who has ascended the throne, is not  
expected to take place before Novem-  
ber, 1928, as periods of mourning  
must intervene.

The new Emperor usually gives his  
first formal audience the day follow-  
ing the death of his predecessor. Gov-  
ernment and court officials attend the  
audience. At this time the Crown  
Prince may be nominated, but there  
being no male heir, this ceremony will  
be omitted. Various foreign govern-  
ments will be notified of the accession  
of Emperor Hirohito. The name of  
the New Era—when the new Emperor  
acquires another name—usually is an-  
nounced the day after death. A fu-  
neral committee is then appointed.

The body of Emperor Yoshihito will  
be taken to the Imperial Palace in  
Tokyo. There will be a state at-  
tendance of three days, during which time  
numerous religious ceremonies will  
take place. The funeral probably will  
be held in two or three months.

The court will remain in mourning  
for a year, and the general public will  
engage in mourning and not  
engage in merrymaking or public  
functions. The new Emperor, cov-  
etously issued an amnesty for political  
prisoners and reduced the terms of  
other prisoners. After his access-  
ion, Emperor Hirohito received Pre-  
mier Wakatsuki and the chief of the  
privy council, expressing his wish that  
they continue in office.

No Political Change

Emperor Yoshihito's death has no  
political significance internationally,  
Hirohito as regent having been the ac-  
tual head of the Empire for more than  
five years. Furthermore, Yoshihito's  
reign since 1912 was not marked by  
anything of importance, consequently  
it is not to be compared with the reign  
of his father, Meiji (also known as  
Mutsuhito) whose personality brought  
him and the nation world prominence.

The domestic political situation is  
uncertain. It is not known whether  
Premier Wakatsuki will dissolve the  
Diet as he had planned.

The illness and death of Emperor  
Yoshihito, as well as causing great  
sorrow to the Japanese nation, who  
venerate the Imperial family, was a  
severe commercial loss. Retailers lost  
millions of yen because the supply took  
place before the holidays, causing can-  
cellation of purchases. It was an-  
nounced that the Diet would formally  
open tomorrow. It is expected to ad-  
journ the following day until Janu-  
ary 17.

The Emperor's Reign

Although reigning but a few years,  
Emperor Yoshihito Haru-No-Miya,  
123rd actual male successor to the  
Imperial Throne of Japan, left an  
enviable record for the promulgation

## Death Takes Emperor; Crown Prince Succeeds



EMPEROR YOSHIHITO



CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN  
Yoshihito, ruler of Japan, died this morning  
and the Crown Prince, who has been Regent  
for several years, due to his father's illness,  
succeeds to the throne.

of enlightenment among his people  
and the encouragement of friendly  
relations with foreign nations.

He was born August 21, 1879, and  
on his eighth birthday was nominated  
by his father, Emperor Mutsuhito, as  
the heir-apparent of the "Son of  
Heaven."

Emperor Yoshihito was the third  
son of Countess Yanagihara. He  
was crowned November 9, 1915,  
twenty-eight years after his nomi-  
nation as heir-apparent and three  
years after the death of his father.  
For a while he took a vigorous inter-  
est in the affairs of his office and  
enjoyed several forms of outdoor  
sports, but reports were circulated  
from time to time that an affliction  
daring from his infancy was making  
serious inroads upon his health.

In 1921 it became common know-  
ledge that the Emperor was suffer-  
ing from a complication of diseases  
which had undermined his mental  
and practically incapacitated him for  
the responsibilities attached to his  
throne.

Yielding to public pressure, he con-  
sented, on November 26, 1921, to  
designate his son, Crown Prince Hiro-  
hito, as Regent of Japan, whereupon  
the Emperor relinquished the reins  
of government and retired to seclusion.

Early Life

Educated at the nobles' school in  
Tokyo, Yoshihito's training was  
supplemented by the work of tutors.  
He spoke English, French and German,  
and was an excellent conventional  
ist, holding, it was said, "advanced  
ideas of world peace and international  
morality." Two older brothers died  
before he was a child, and thus made  
him heir-apparent. Upon their pass-  
ing he was decorated with the Grand  
Order of Merit and received a com-  
mission as a colonel in the Imperial  
Royal Guards.

Subsequently he became a lieuten-  
ant-general in the Japanese army and  
a vice-admiral in the navy.

On May 10, 1900, the Emperor,  
who was then Crown Prince, married  
the Princess Sadako Fudjwara. Four  
sons were born to them, the present  
Prince Regent Hirohito, born April  
29, 1901; Prince Chichibu, born June  
25, 1902; Prince Takamatsu, born  
January 3, 1905, and Prince Sumi,  
born in 1915.

The Heir-Apparent

Prince Regent Hirohito, student,  
sportsman, and one of the most  
modern of the newer generation of  
Japanese, was born April 29, 1901.  
He was proclaimed heir-apparent in  
1912 when his father, Yoshihito,  
became Emperor upon the death of  
Emperor Mutsuhito, and was formally  
consecrated Crown Prince in  
1916. He was appointed Regent in  
November, 1921, when it became a  
certainty that the Emperor's health  
was such that he was unable to attend  
to state business.

The Emperor's education  
was begun when he was six years old  
and is still continuing. He and the  
Crown Princess Nagako, only recently  
employed an English tutor to perfect  
themselves in the English tongue,  
which has become the principal  
language in Japan next to Japanese.

Tour of Europe

In the Spring of 1921 the Prince  
visited England, Scotland, France,  
Belgium, Holland and Italy—the first  
Japanese Crown Prince who ever left  
his native country. He was accom-  
panied by Admiral Togo, the famous  
naval hero, who for a number of years

had directed his education. He was  
made an honorary general in the  
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Autobiography of  
Ex-Kaiser William  
Is in Great Demand

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Former Em-  
peror William II is so happy to be a  
success at last as an author that he  
has confided to friends that he will  
write at least two more books. His  
first literary endeavor, which appeared  
under the title "The Kaiser's Mem-  
oirs," was a failure. While the pub-  
lishers price of the book was \$2, it  
can be bought now from any street  
vender or Runtage bookshop for  
twelve cents.

The sale of his recent autobi-  
ographical work, "Pages From My  
Life, 1859-1918," has exceeded all ex-  
pectations. In it he speaks with  
great candor of his relations with his  
English mother, his father and his  
grandfather, Emperor William I, and  
corroborates the theory that his child-  
hood experiences embittered him  
against England and the whole world.

Leading book sellers report that  
they have been unable to supply the  
demand, as many copies are being sent  
to the United States. The former  
Kaiser is said to be extremely proud  
of his success and will continue the  
story of his life.

"Fray, my good man, what is your  
occupation?"  
"Oh, I'm a collector of fruits and  
vegetables."

"Ah, a gardener?"  
"No, just an actor."

"What? Have you started to paint  
your face already?"  
"Oh, no. I have just been kissing  
mama!"  
—Buen Humor, Madrid.

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**General McRae Settles**

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Settlement was reported of the case between Hon. William Sloan and General A. D. McRae, M.P., in which the Minister of Mines recovers a \$10,000 libel verdict from a Nansling jury against the defendant for a publication in the "Evening Star" during the last provincial election. General McRae, it is understood, will not have to pay that figure, but will contribute a substantial amount, together with costs, and only will approximate \$32,000.

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**Nova Scotia Legislature**

Is to Meet on February 2

HALIFAX, Dec. 24.—Announcement was made yesterday that the Nova Scotia Legislature would assemble on February 2. It will be the second session of the thirty-eighth general assembly of the Fifteenth Legislature since Confederation. Premier Rhodes faces Parliament with thirty-eight Conservative members against three Liberals. There are forty-three seats and two are vacant.

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## "Christ in the House of His Parents"



The Above Picture, by Sir J. E. Milne, Bart, P.R.A., Long Subject of a Bitter Controversy Among Artists, Was Sold for \$150 to a Dealer, Who Passed on the Back of It All the Adverse Criticisms of the Picture. Later It Was Put in the Hough & Platt Collections and Afterwards Was Owned by Mr. Frederick Beer.

### COMMISSIONER WILL VISIT SHORTLY

Mr. C. Noel Wilde Is on Coast in Connection With Canadian Trade to Mexico

Mr. C. Noel Wilde, the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner to Mexico, after spending four years in that country, is now visiting Vancouver in the course of a tour familiarizing himself with conditions in the West. He will be here next week. "There is a great opportunity for the exporting of apples and cherries from the Maritimes to Mexico," the Commissioner said, during an interview. "Five years ago Canadian exports to Mexico were less than \$1,000,000 yearly, but they have been steadily on the increase until today they are in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000 yearly, which is a comparatively small trade between the two countries."

"Canadian wheat, which was almost unknown in Mexico three years ago, is now one of this country's largest exports, and the Mexican trade in this commodity is now about one and one-half million dollars every year. Chemicals for mining purposes, leather, paper, textiles, lumber, canned fish, and Bulck, Chevrolet and Studebaker automobiles are among the largest exports to Mexico. On the other hand about the only product which Mexico ships to Canada at present is oil."

Canada has wide interests in the southern country, the Commissioner added. He points out that the electric power and street railway companies of both Mexico City and Monterrey are financed by Canadian capital and have headquarters in Toronto.

### LOCAL TURKEYS LEAD PURCHASES AT MARKET

Selling From Fifty to Sixty Cents a Pound—Holly Wreaths Were Well Patronized

Holly selling all the way from twenty to forty cents a pound, and local turkeys bringing from fifty to sixty cents a pound, topped the sales at the Christmas market. Holly wreaths from thirty-five to forty cents, and ducks at fifty cents, and chickens at forty and forty-five cents a pound held their own.

A brisk business was reported by the flower stalls with chrysanthemum blooms leading the sales at two dollars and fifty cents.

A good business was reported in the home-made candy stalls.

Brussels sprouts at two pounds for twenty-five cents found ready buyers.

Eggs were selling at sixty and sixty-five cents a dozen for extras, and sixty cents for firsts.

No change was noticed in the price of meat.

### MODERN YOUTH SEES HOME SYSTEM GONE

Questionnaire Sent Out by Y.M.C.A. Discloses Sentiment of Times

GENEVA, Dec. 24.—Conclusions of a questionnaire circulated by the Y.M.C.A. in thirty-six countries show that modern youth believes the old home system of Western civilization has completely broken down; that parents do not understand real "home-making" as they did formerly, and that the children of the present are not inclined to submit to authority unless they can be shown good cause.

The questionnaire was amplified by the discussions of the "Parliament of Youth" at Heidelberg last August at which forty-six nations were represented. The results have been circulated by Y.M.C.A. headquarters here.

The only discipline worth anything in the home now, youth is shown to be convinced, is based on respect and love, and not on fear.

Many boys said they had found it almost impossible to live Christian lives and at the same time remain true to the business ethics of their employers. Harder still had they found it, during long periods of unemployment.

But primarily among all the problems of youth was given to that of sex for these among other reasons: Great changes in all countries since the war; revision of sex standards; modern craze for sports and dancing; modern passion for freedom at all cost; exceptional surplus of women since the war weakened parental control; influence of bad films and literature and sex drama.

Dancing was condemned by some representatives, but the Anglo-Baxons in general regarded dancing, under proper supervision, as healthy and a natural means of social intercourse.

### The Meaning of Christmas

By Rev. J. K. Unsworth, D.D.

The story is told of an Eastern emperor who had climbed to the throne from the blacksmith's forge, and because he wanted to honor the rugged simplicity of his birth, took as the Imperial ensign a blacksmith's leather apron. His descendants began to decorate its plebeian plainness until at last jewels entirely encrusted the symbol of the power that had won them their throne.

In somewhat similar fashion it has come about that Christmas, which registers the transcendent truth of the Incarnation, is in danger of being submerged by the holiday season's affairs, customs, gayeties, even indulgences, with the deplorable result that we deprive ourselves of the best Christmas gift, a fresh sense of the Divine Love which surged into humanity through the portals of the Bethlehem manger.

It does not matter to the believer that the day and year when Jesus was born is unknown and unknowable. The simple historical fact is that there was a morning back there in Bethlehem, in the reign of Herod, when the baby that became Jesus of Nazareth and of Calvary cried His first cry and was smuggled close to Mary's breast. However shadowy those earlier years, He stands out in the open, a vivid figure, for the three momentous years between the baptism and the crucifixion. Jesus is a well-dated personality in history and the League of Nations has made no mistake in issuing its documents Anno Domini, in the year of Jesus Christ.

To the Christian, this Personality, confessedly the greatest in history, is more than one of humanity's great ones, more even than a super-mythic.

On whose lone grave The Syrian stars look down.

He is unique, unparalleled, and the world has never seen and never shall see or know His like. Though not wholly explicable, the Christian faith finds the antithesis between God and man blended and solved in the one single personality of her Lord. He is a veritable man, indeed, the one really human life. He also was Divine, for He was in a special sense the Son of God.

This is the glad message of Christmas morning: God, always coming to humanity, came supremely, uniquely, in the person of Jesus Christ. In Him, God, descending, clothed Himself in human limitations and walked along our footworn roads. In Him, also, humanity was lifted up to be the all-glorious domicile of the Holy Spirit.

As we draw near with shepherds and magi, we pause to ponder the cosmic significance of this personality, now a helpless infant shrouded in the obscurity of a humble birth. This Man is the ideal humanity that from eternity lay in the mind of God, but was not truly represented on earth till Jesus came. At Bethlehem, humanity begins to come into its own. This Man is also the Divine One through Whom glows the hitherto obscured love of God. He is a challenge pouring into human need the redeeming tenderness of the Deity. Did we

hear the baby cry? Three decades and three years hence we shall hear another cry out of the darkness, poignant, as of one heartbroken on the cross, and hearing, be forever persuaded that

"The heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind."

**The Incarnation**

Here we glimpse the inner meaning of Christmas. The Incarnation guarantees the worth of human nature. The Incarnation assures us that the soul of the universe is Love. The Incarnation reveals the inner nobility of human nature. An archaeologist once uncovered a clay tablet stamped with a king's signet, upon which, when still moist, a dog had stepped. Such is human nature, animalish indeed, but its foundation divine. Jesus is humanity minus the dog's foot. So that this marvelous thing "has happened," that wherever He has presented Himself humanity has come to itself, risen and stood upon its feet. Modern Christian missions, to go no farther back, verify the valuation Jesus puts upon human nature, Uganda and New Guinea, Whitechapel and Bowery Missions, spell in capitals the salvability of the lowest. Upon the uncertainties of India, the wayward woman, the criminal, the slave, the insane, the backward races, the Incarnation has thrown a new light. It may be fairly said that humanitarianism as a movement began in Bethlehem. For this reason also, Christmas has become the Day of the Child.

**Guarantee of Democracy**

The Incarnation is the guarantor of the triumph of democracy. For Jesus accredits the worth-whileness of every man being himself the genuine Everyman. No class or caste or race with Him. Jesus of Nazareth must be blamed for the world-wide ferment of democracy. The Incarnation also underwrites the optimism of world brotherhood. Two millenniums ago there entered into humanity the International Mind. For Jesus, though registered by the Roman census-taker as the son of a Jew, entered not into one race or class or people, but into the one inseparable and indivisible humanity. He brought good-will to mankind.

Out of Bethlehem has dawned, too, a satisfying thought of God. For by the Incarnation we have glimpsed the goodness of the universe. Looking upon Jesus as expressing in human relationships the essential nature of God, the believer finds there a congeniality, a pity, a sympathy, which is the very out-reaching and redeeming mercy of God. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," (John 14:9) the Maltese and blais of a fear-bounded imagination. Dashed are our gazes into the starry silence of God, the believer finds there a congeniality, a pity, a sympathy, which is the very out-reaching and redeeming mercy of God. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," (John 14:9) the Maltese and blais of a fear-bounded imagination. Dashed are our gazes into the starry silence of God, the believer finds there a congeniality, a pity, a sympathy, which is the very out-reaching and redeeming mercy of God. 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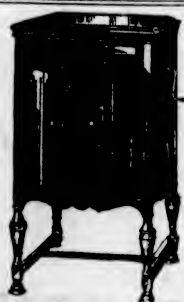
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### CLUB CALENDAR

**MONDAY**—Gyro Club, Chamber of Commerce, luncheon, 12:15 p.m.  
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**FRIDAY**—One Hundred Per Cent Club, Dominion Hotel, luncheon, 12:15 p.m.

The community service clubs next week will be hosts to the Premier, leader of the opposition and members of the House of Commons and the British Columbia, at their regular weekly functions. The Gyro Club will entertain these young men at their luncheon at noon on Monday in the Chamber of Commerce, while at 6 p.m. the youthful Parliamentarians will be the guests of the Victoria Table of Ye Knights of Ye Round Table at the Empress Hotel. Dean H. T. J. Coleman, Lieutenant-Governor of the Boys' Parliament, Premier John Oliver and Chief Justice M.P.P., have been invited to attend both these fetes.

President-elect Harold M. Dixon and members of the 1927 directorate of the Kiwians Club will be installed in office at the annual banquet of the organization, which will take place on Tuesday evening, December 28, in the Empress Hotel, commencing at 8 o'clock. Professor Cecil Heaton's orchestra will provide the dance music programme.

The Rotary Club is not holding its usual luncheon meeting next week, but is concentrating its efforts on the big Rotary Christmas tree entertainment which will be held for poor children in the community on Thursday, December 30, at 3:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce. All Rotarians are expected to be present to participate in the distribution of presents.

The Kiwians' Club will hold a supper session in the Empress Hotel private dining-room on Tuesday next, commencing at 6:15 p.m. Members attending this meeting will hear the nomination of officers for next year.

## CONFIDENCE VOICED IN DEFENCE ACTION

COMMITTEE FEELS ON SURVEILLANCE OF DEFENCE ACTION

Deputy Attorney-General of B.C. Agrees Procedure Has Been Correct

That the actions of the Goodwin Defence Committee were proper was the opinion expressed by the Deputy Attorney-General of British Columbia in his brief statement made today when the secretary of the committee presented the facts and defended the criticism voiced at Thursday's meeting in the Chamber of Commerce.

The Deputy Attorney-General said: "The Attorney-General could have done nothing, as the case does not come within the purview of the Province. You brought the matter to the attention of the Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, and by him to the British Consul. There was nothing else for you to do. You acted in the only way possible and your position is unassailable." He explained further that the advice of the British Ambassador and Consul that funds be secured for Goodwin's defence was sound as neither the Dominion of Canada nor the United States could be expected to provide the money.

The Pro Patria branch of the Canadian Legion wired to the Secretary of State at Ottawa on December 2, asking for action to be taken in the case when it was recommended that Goodwin had not had a fair trial. Further inquiries confirmed those representations, and the fact that the British Consul at San Francisco, after a long interview with Goodwin and a thorough investigation of the case reported: "We are satisfied that Mr. Goodwin is entirely innocent," and the British Consul at Los Angeles advised the British Ambassador at Washington that this could be established at a new trial, the Goodwin Defence Committee, which came into existence in the meantime was satisfied that it was on firm ground. In addition affidavits establishing a complete alibi exist.

A resolution was passed at the meeting endorsing the actions of the committee and despite interruptions and criticism no one voted against it.

Previously acknowledged \$225.65. A. W. Russell, \$2; L. P. Macrae, \$2; B. D. MacLachlin, \$5; Wm. Toel, \$5; J. A. Raine, \$5; Mrs. F. G. Gadsden, \$25; Dean Qualton, \$5; J. V. Carroll, \$1; A. Hingworth, \$2; Frank H. Parridge, \$2; Percy Wetherhouse, \$20; Kumtuka Club, \$10; P. Burridge, \$5; Miss H. Burridge, \$5; Vancouver Island Prospectors' Association, \$5; Chas. McKay, \$1; P. E. Mason, \$1; Trask, \$1; Halliday, \$1; Stewart, \$1; Mrs. Hineks, \$1; Miss Hineks, \$1; Captain Tanley, \$1; Humble, \$1; Mrs. Sampson, \$1; T. Galtby, \$1; G. R.

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pastor of the City Temple, conducted the service. There were many friends present and a profusion of beautiful floral designs covered the little casket. The remains were laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

**CONNELL**—The funeral of the late Patrick Connell, who died at St. Joseph's Hospital last Thursday, will take place on Monday, December 27, the cortege leaving the Sands Funeral Chapel at 9 o'clock. At 10 o'clock mass will be celebrated at the West Saanich Catholic Church by Rev. Father E. M. Scheelan, and the remains will be laid to rest in the West Saanich Cemetery.

**HILL**—The funeral of Winifred Jessie Hill, six-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert George Hill, of Sidney, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and a large gathering of sympathizing friends were in attendance and many beautiful flowers covered the casket and the floral racks at the chapel. Rev. M. W. Lees, assisted by Rev. M. B. McKee, officiated, and the hymns sung were "There's a Friend for Little Children" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Messrs. A. Gilman, H. Ward, H. Ling and F. G. Rowlett acted as pallbearers and the little body was laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

**KING**—The funeral of the late Mr. Frank J. King, who passed away in this city on Wednesday last, was held on Friday afternoon from McCall Bros. Funeral Home. Friends attended the service which was conducted by the Rev. Arthur deB. Owen. The service at the graveside was conducted by members of Aerie No. 12, P.O.E. President Hugh Clark and Chairman George Lapp officiating. Interment was made at Ross Bay Cemetery with the following members of the P.O.E. as pallbearers: Messrs. H. Stenhouse, P. Christiansen, H. Lambourne, J. Dixon, T. Neill and M. McGregor.

## LIQUOR PROFITS NOW TOTAL \$14,712,024

Profits of \$14,712,024 have been made on the sale of liquor in this Province since 1921, when the government control system came into effect. It was announced at the Parliament Buildings yesterday.

From \$121,342,342 in profits in the first full six-month period of the system, the figure totalled \$1,555,524 in the six-month period ending September 30 last. The high mark was reached in the six months ending March 31 last, when profits totalled \$1,750,668. As in all previous years the profits for the winter period are greater than those of the summer period.

Municipalities, Government revenues, hospitals, mothers' pensions and charities all heavily participated heavily in the returns of the liquor stores, the latest figures show.

**Money Distributed**

Up to September 30 the Government had distributed \$4,884,761 to municipalities. In the first six months of the year 1926 the Government itself kept \$5,416,142 in its consolidated revenue account. Hospitals and charities received \$1,041,252 and the United Fruit Company \$1,518,341 was put into the reserve fund.

A review of the semi-annual periods into which the history of the present liquor system is divided shows the gradual increase in profits with the winter returns higher than those of the summer.

The present law came into force on June 15, 1921, and from then until September 30 of the same year profits amounted to \$541,666. In the next six months they were \$1,231,365, and in the following six-month periods fluctuated as follows: \$1,075,258; \$1,250,195; \$1,402,498; \$1,634,601; \$1,729,246; \$1,409,791; \$1,561,265; \$1,750,668; \$1,555,524.

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**Mr. G. G. McGeer, K.C., Arrives in Victoria**

Mr. G. G. McGeer, K.C., counsel for the Provincial Government in the freight controversy, arrived in the city from Ottawa yesterday to make a complete report to Premier Oliver on developments in British Columbia's case at the Federal capital. In an interview given at Vancouver, Mr. McGeer said that the Province was facing the stiffest opposition yet encountered in the rate controversy.

In the present appeal, said Mr. McGeer, British Columbia is contending that the Railway Board's order for equalization of grain rates has not been obeyed by the C.P.R. His appeal has two branches, he explained. He asks the Governor-in-Council to determine whether the board's order and the legislation on which it is based give to British Columbia a twenty-one-cent rate from Calgary to Vancouver, or the same rate as to Port William, which, he contends, is lower. If the legislation does not go that far, then Mr. McGeer asks that he will ask the Government to state what its intentions are in this matter and ask the Government to amend the legislation in Parliament in such a way as to make its intentions clear.

The young editor had just founded a new magazine—one of those high-brow things, with pale grey covers and thick, uncut pages—and was eager for applause.

"What do you think of it?" he asked the literary critic to whom he took a copy for examination.

"Well," replied the other wearily, but warmly, "the stuff you rejected must certainly have been rotten."

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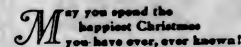
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## SOLARIUM RECEIVES CHRISTMAS PRESENT

City Police Force Sends Cheque Amounting to \$1,110 to Crippled Children at Mill Bay

A handsome Christmas present was sent to the Crippled Children at the Mill Bay Solarium yesterday, when Chief of Police John Fry sent a letter accompanied by a cheque for the amount of \$1,110, which was the profit from the recent Police Ball in aid of the Solarium Fund. This amount included donations from private persons.

The letter enclosed with the cheque reads as follows: "On behalf of the Victoria City Police Department, I take great pleasure in enclosing a cheque for eleven hundred and ten dollars (\$1,110), which I would ask that you kindly accept as a donation from myself, officers and members of the Victoria City Police Department. "Wishing you the compliments of the season."

### Well Explodes

CALGARY, Dec. 24.—A terrific explosion occurred this afternoon at the Vulcan well in Turner Valley, which blew the heavy control valve off the top of the well head and shattered the separator into bits, scattered them 200 yards away and shook the whole field. No one was injured, though both Clarence Snyder, in charge of the work at the well, and Robert Washington, a driller, had a narrow escape.

Snyder was blown through the door of the derrick buildings and Washington was thrown through the side of the building, but both are reported to have escaped with minor bruises.

The cause of the explosion is unknown, but it is thought to have been due to the big well suddenly increasing both the pressure and volume of naphtha gas.

Suffolk Landlady: I've a new boarder, Mrs. Higgins, a literary gent, but you wouldn't know 'im 'cos 'e writes under a pen name de terre.

## DOMINION ALL WEEK

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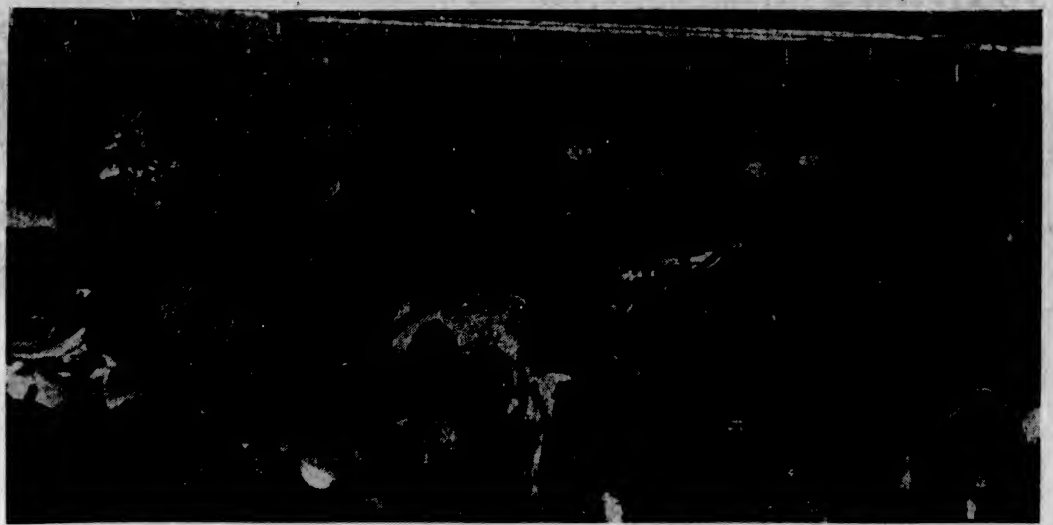
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## At the Playhouses

**COLISEUM** "Fifty Miles From Boston" closes its merry season at the Coliseum today with a matinee and evening show, with lots of music and pep and a happy Christmas fantasy, "Cinderella," in which Joe Kemper, with Eileen Allwood, Gertrude Burton and the Coliseum girls tell the old story in a new way. Mr. Kemper's engagement has proved very popular with Coliseum audiences, who have been highly appreciative of the very happy programme provided this week. "Fifty Miles From Boston" is replete with laughter and joy and is a musical frolic right through—a merry show for a merry Christmas.

**DOMINION** As "Black Mike" in Todd Browning's great crook melodrama, "Outside the Law," a Universal-Jewel production which plays at Dominion Theatre, Lon Chaney brought forth the plaudits of the multitude and gasps of admiration from the critics a few years ago. Interest has been reawakened in the marvelous dual role enacted by Chaney in this picture, for he also played the part of a Chinaman with almost unbelievable fidelity. In response to a growing demand the producer has made new prints of "Outside the Law," inspired by the tremendous success of the film when shown in Pittsburgh a short time ago. Priscilla Dean is the star of this production.

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King and Queen Present Gifts to All in Their Employ—Christmas Tree at Sandringham—Ball at Buckingham Palace to Be Feature

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LONDON, Dec. 24.—The best of employments at all seasons, King George and Queen Mary outdo themselves at Sandringham. Christmas for their servants really begins when, a week before the actual day, there is a distribution of special gifts from their Majesties to all those in their employ. These gifts consist for the most part of dresses for the women and pieces of solid silver-plate for the men. Every woman can go to a well known firm of modistes and order whatever kind of gown she chooses; it may be an evening or afternoon gown or a two-piece suit.

The same firm of modistes has executed this order for the King and Queen for many years. The pieces of silver-plate given to the men are all solid and substantial, and men who have been a long period in the royal service have accumulated quite valuable collections of silver.

The two chief items in the programme of the Christmas entertainments for the employees are the dinner and the Christmas tree and the servants' ball. The former is always held at Sandringham, the latter usually at Buckingham Palace.

All the servants are hidden to the Christmas tree at Sandringham. The ceremony is held in the great servants' hall at eight o'clock in the evening. The men on duty for the night are clad in their full state livery of scarlet and white but they attend the Christmas tree as guests. The other servants, wear ordinary evening dress.

**The Christmas Tree** The tree is an immense one and on its branches is a gift for every person present, including royalties. The royal party, with the guests, enter the servants' hall at eight o'clock and the distribution of gifts begins at once.

Six employees stand by the tree and distribute the gifts at a very rapid rate. Each person on entering the room receives a red ticket bearing a number and the words "Sandringham Christmas Tree" and the figure denoting the year.

Every gift on the tree has attached to it a number corresponding to the number on a ticket. When all is ready for the distribution of the gifts to begin the servant standing by the tree calls out a number and the holder of the ticket bearing that number—It may be the King or Queen or the Prince of Wales or one of the household—at once walks to the tree and receives his gift.

The royal party sits about the tree but there is no ceremony of any kind observed at the entertainment. There is, for example, no curtseying or bowing to the royal party by anyone going to the tree to receive a gift.

When the distribution of gifts is concluded, the King and Queen and members of the royal party leave the hall and then the servants proceed to a magnificent supper served in their chief dining-room.

Roast turkey and Christmas pudding are the chief items in the menu and there is every kind of wine, including champagne. After supper come speeches and songs, the evening ending with the drinking of the health of Their Majesties.

**The Ball** The servants' ball is generally held on Twelfth Night (January 6) in the spacious Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace, where there is a hall which makes a splendid ballroom. Sometimes it has been held at Sandringham.

All the royal servants are invited, and the King and Queen are always present. The King opens the ball by dancing with the housekeeper at the Palace, while the Queen dances with the head of the men servant staff.

After the opening of the ball their Majesties remain for a while watching the dancing and chatting in the intervals.

The ball ends, like the Christmas tree, with a supper. It is, of course, obvious that all the servants in the royal employ could not possibly attend the Christmas tree at Sandringham or the servants' ball, but arrangements are made for as many as possible to do so. A certain number must remain at Buckingham Palace during Christmas, and at Windsor Castle, but the remainder are given a servant at Buckingham Palace for many years, in the employ of the late King.

**An Incident** Church was deputed to pack up and address the various presents Queen Alexandra was sending out to her relations and friends, a week or so before Christmas one year. Usually two men were deputed to do the work, but Church alone was selected by Her Majesty to do it on this particular occasion. It was not a light task for there were hundreds of parcels to be packed and addressed.

Church began his work at ten o'clock in the morning and was still hard at work at eleven o'clock at night. The room where he was engaged on his task adjoined Queen Alexandra's private apartments.

A little after eleven o'clock the door of the room opened and Queen Alexandra appeared bearing a tray on which were a pile of freshly cut sandwiches and a bottle of champagne.

"I thought you might be hungry," she said, "so I have brought you a little supper. When you have finished it go to bed—you must be tired—and you can finish packing tomorrow."

**Christmas Picture Card Is Sent by Radio Photo** LONDON, Dec. 24.—The first Christmas card ever sent by radio reached London this morning. The card takes the form of a photo radiogram and is that of an American prominently associated in American activities in Europe. The name of the American has not been announced.

The card bears greetings to prominent men whom the American met here and on the Continent. Copies of the card are being sent to two crowned heads of Europe and to several well-known statesmen.

**Anti-Christian Societies** LONDON, Dec. 24.—Anti-Christian societies have been organized in many sections of China where the anti-foreign movement has been active, says a Reuters' dispatch from Shanghai. It is rumored that these societies have arranged a number of meetings for Christmas Day.

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PARIS, Dec. 23.—The shepherds in the Vosges want the world to quit calling their dogs Alsatian wolf hounds. The shepherds are proud of the fact that the dogs are Alsatian and readily admit they are hounds. But the mere suggestion that wolves are among even the remote ancestors of the faithful dogs is denied. There are still wolves in the blue Alsatian mountains, lots of them. They do not fraternize with the "wolf hounds," however. The shepherds contend there is not enough love between the two to make a meal of even possible.

**Maritime Situation Must Be Dealt With**  
MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Canada risks facing a sectional problem comparable with the Irish troubles in seriousness failing the adoption of the Duncan report on Maritime Province Rights, in the opinion of Mr. Thomson, associate editor of The Financial Post, addressing a local club here. He offered the recommendations of the report recently laid down in the House of Commons as the means of ridding the Dominion of a perilous thorn in the flesh. Mr. Thomson said he found the Maritime Provinces at present in a state of discontent that it was impossible to fairly conceive the result of rejection of the report. Their grievances, he found in most cases substantially justifiable.

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## Society and Women's Affairs

### Miscellaneous Shower

Mrs. Fred Hurley and Miss Rita Kelly were joint hostesses at a miscellaneous shower at the home of the former, 1615 Bay Street, on Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Ruth Melville whose marriage takes place this week. The many useful gifts were tied to a Christmas tree from which they were cut with scissors tied with a white bow of ribbon with long streamers. During the evening refreshments were served by the hostesses, the table being centred with yellow chrysanthemums. Those present were: Mrs. W. Melville, Mrs. J. B. Penny, Mrs. W. Wright, Mrs. Fred Hurley and Miss Ruth Melville, Miss Dorothy Melville, Miss Hughes, Miss Johnston, Miss Mitchell, Miss Beth Simpson, Miss May Simpson, Miss Kathleen Simpson, Miss May Crombie, Miss Dora Dixie, Miss Jean Black, Miss Marion Estlin, Miss Ada Moffat, Miss Kathleen Muir, Miss Mary Hamilton, Miss Frances Jaffray, Miss K. Jaffray, Miss Kate Kenning and Miss Rita Kelly.

### Entertainers at Luncheon

Mrs. George Ingraham, of Calgary, entertained at luncheon on Tuesday, complimenting Miss Blanche Hutchings, who is home from school at Victoria for the holidays. A decorative scheme entirely in keeping with the Christmas season was carried out. Covers were laid for Miss Hutchings, Mrs. Don Robertson, Mrs. Ira Knechtel, Miss Bessie Irwin, Miss Jean McQueen, Miss Eunice Pascoe, Miss Greta Stoddart and Miss Lola Griffith. Two tables of bridge were arranged afterwards.

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### Tea for Daughters

Mrs. Hamilton entertained for her daughters, Evelyn and Peggy, at tea on Wednesday at their home at 1128 Dallas Road. The guests included the Misses Catherine Pocock, Betty Seattie, Betty Cristie, Patricia Carmichael, Isabel Routledge, Mary Phillip, Joyce Plant, Dorothy Cox, Peggy Josephs, Griselda Hagshawe, May Wooten, Catherine Wooten, Catherine Haynes, Mary Haynes, Alice Code, Jean Johnson, Gretchen Johnson, Muriel Glasford, Mary Martin, Velma Anderson, Mabel Brown and Dorothy Mercer.

### Annual Children's Party

Mrs. J. H. Todd entertained at her annual children's Christmas party yesterday afternoon in her home, "The Leasowes," Fairfield Road, when all her grandchildren and other young relatives and their parents enjoyed a festive afternoon. The excitement was intense when Santa Claus entered with old-fashioned ceremony and distributed gifts to all the youngsters.

present. Music and games added to the enjoyment of the party. Seasonable decorations also gave zest to the occasion.

### Marriage Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Outwaite, of Mount Tolmie, announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Gladys Maude Waterfield, to Edward Kenneth Daisel, of Fairfax, Wash., formerly of Victoria. The marriage was solemnized at the First Methodist Church, Seattle, Wash., by Rev. J. S. Magee. After a short visit here the couple will make their home in Fairfax, Wash.

### Patrons of Dance

The dance which the Women's University Club had arranged to hold at Alexandra House on January 14, in aid of the bursary fund, will be held under the patronage of Miss Helen MacKenzie, Mr. J. D. MacLean, Mrs. Bucklin and Miss Hollett, dean of women at the University of British Columbia.

### Saanich Masons' Annual Ball

The officers and members of Mount Newton Lodge, No. 59, A.F. & A.M., will hold their annual ball on Friday, January 28, in the Saanich Agricultural Hall, Saanichton. Kinloch's orchestra will provide the music, and Ruth Chapter, O.E.S., will provide the refreshments.

### Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. James Pottinger, Battery Street, announce the engagement of their third daughter, Myrtle Gladys, to Mr. Morgan Hirst, youngest son of the late Mr. John Hirst and Mrs. A. Hirst, of Parksville, Vancouver Island, B.C.

### Leaving for Santa Barbara

Miss Lena Galt, who, with her sister, Miss Myrtle Galt, recently returned to Montreal from abroad, has left to join her brother, Mr. Elliot Galt, of Victoria, at Santa Barbara, California, where she will spend the remainder of the winter months.

### Here From Seattle

Mr. George E. Moss arrived today from Seattle on the Princess Victoria to spend Christmas with relatives and in staying with his brother, Mr. Jas. Moss, 254 Moss Street. He will return home Sunday afternoon.

### Christmas With Parents

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lawrence, Island Road, Oak Bay, have as their guests during the Christmas holidays their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Grant Lawrence, of Vancouver.

### From Vancouver

Captain and Mrs. William Bell and Gordon Bell, of Vancouver, are spending Christmas in the city, the guests of Mrs. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, Bowker Avenue, Oak Bay.

### Few Days' Visit

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Gowan, Wilmer Street, left yesterday afternoon for Vancouver, where they will spend a few days with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Gowan, Jr.

### New Westminster

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Hopkins of New Westminster, will spend Christmas with Dr. Hopkins' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hopkins, Moss Street.

### To Hold Christmas Tree

The C.P.R. Social and Athletic Club will hold a Christmas tree for the members of the club and their families at the Temple Hall, North Park Street, on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

### Bellingham Visitors

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Bilodeau and Betsy Ann, of Bellingham, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Bilodeau's father, Captain H. N. Walker, 1933 Crescent Road.

### From Tacoma

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Flammank, of Tacoma, and their two children, are spending Christmas with Mr. Flammank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Flammank, Heincken Street.

Mrs. Elliott left last night for Vancouver en route for Tacoma, Wash., where she will spend the week-end with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson.

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### Christmas With Parents

Mr. Kendall Kerr, who has been attending school in Victoria, has returned to Calgary to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Kerr, Jr.

### From Vancouver and Portland

Vancouver, and Mr. Dick Rome, of Portland, Ore., are spending the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. Rome, Moss Street.

### Leaves for Winnipeg

Miss Elva McLean, 114 Howe Street, left on Wednesday for Winnipeg to spend Christmas with her father, Mr. Neil McLean.

### Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Todd, 81 Charles Street, entertained at a family dinner last evening. Covers were laid for sixteen.

### Home From San Francisco

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Castle returned to the city on Thursday afternoon after spending a week in San Francisco.

### Doctor and Bride Return

Dr. and Mrs. Allan Fraser, who were married in San Francisco last week, returned to the city on Thursday afternoon.

### Christmas With Mother

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Petticrew, of Courtenay, are spending Christmas with Mr. Petticrew's mother, Mrs. James Petticrew, 2317 Quadra Street.

### Fancy Dress Dance

A fancy dress dance will be held in St. Mark's Hall, Wednesday, January 1, at 8:30 p.m., under the auspices of the W.A.

### With Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling H. Beek are spending the Christmas holidays as guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graham.

### From Port Alberni

Mr. F. R. Bland, of Port Alberni, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bland, of Union Street.

### At Empress Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. Drummond, of Seattle, are spending Christmas in the city and are guests at the Empress Hotel.

### Visit in Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Stan G. Peele left by the Vancouver boat yesterday to spend Christmas with relatives in the Terminal City.

### In Vancouver

Mrs. Annie Thain, 1438 Cook Street, left on Thursday afternoon for Vancouver, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Hackett.

### Christmas With Son

Mr. and Mrs. M. Sweeney, of 528 Trutch Street, are spending Christmas and New Year's in Vancouver with their son, Mr. Leo Sweeney.

### Leaves for Mainland

Mr. Randolph Stuart left for the Mainland on the midnight boat last night for a short visit.

### Lake Hill Card Party

The usual card party will be held in the Community Hall, Lake Hill, on Monday evening at 8:30.

### Bishop Schofield

Opens Big Bazaar

Malvern House School was the scene of a very attractive bazaar and entertainment on Thursday last, the affair being formally opened by the Rev. Bishop Schofield. In the little address which His Lordship delivered in this connection, he spoke of the laudable nature of the enterprise, the proceeds of which were wanted for the gymnasium equipment fund of the school. The programme consisted of playlets and recitations. Miss J. Angus assisted with vocal solos.

During the afternoon tea was served and in the evening closing exercises of the school were held, and an entertainment given by the pupils of the school. This programme consisted of playlets and recitations. Miss J. Angus assisted with vocal solos.

In the closing exercises the Rev. N. E. Smith, of St. Barnabas' Church, and the Rev. J. W. Leighton addressed the pupils, stressing the importance of character training in education and praising the work of their headmaster, Mr. T. Emerson, in this respect. A well-laden Christmas tree brought the evening to a close.

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## PRETTY WEDDING AT UNITED CHURCH

Miss Lorna Ramsey Becomes Bride of Mr. Ivor Parfitt—To Reside at Campbell River

A wedding of interest was solemnized on Tuesday evening at the Fairfield United Church, when Miss Lorna Ramsey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ramsey, became the bride of Mr. Ivor Parfitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parfitt. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Monzie and Rev. R. W. Lee at 7:30 o'clock.

To the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Mrs. G. H. E. Green, sister of the groom, the bride entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. She was gown in white georgette trimmed with crepe de Chine. Her veil was of tulle and she carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. As her only ornament the bride wore a gold bracelet which was worn by her mother on her wedding day. She was preceded up the aisle by little Freda Green, dressed in pink crepe de Chine and carrying a basket of tiny white chrysanthemums. Miss Donella Willing attended the bride and wore a frock of pink georgette, trimmed with beads. Her bouquet was of white and yellow chrysanthemums. Mr. Eric Tredwell was best man. The bride's Sunday school class of nine little girls were maids of honor and each carried a white chrysanthemum. The ushers were Mr. Fred Ramsey, brother of the bride, and Mr. Harold Parfitt, cousin of the groom.

The church was decorated with three arches of white and yellow chrysanthemums. The bridal party stood under a large white bell. Miss Siddall and Miss Burnett and others were responsible for the decorations. The hymn, "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden," was sung. During the signing of the register, Miss Nettie Parfitt sang "Bridal Dawn."

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, Mrs. Parfitt, in white colored satin, and hat to match, and Mrs. Ramsey, wearing black satin with gold corsage bouquet and picture hat of black and

## Fashion Fancies

By Marie Belmont



Sateen, on which a dainty flowered pattern is shown against a pale blue background, should please any little girl.

A number of frocks of this type are being shown in the shops for holiday trade, and any woman who is clever with her needle could make a dress such as the one above.

The collar and cuffs are of white linen, while narrow frills of the same form the edging and outline the little shaped yoke.

## English Leader Plans Return to Politics

Mr. Herbert Samuel



Who, according to reports from London, has decided to return to politics. Mr. Samuel, under Liberal administration, was Postmaster-General and Home Secretary. He became High Commissioner of the mandated territory of Palestine in 1921. Since he retired from his office last year he has been much in the public eye as chairman of the coal inquiry commission.

flame color, anointed the young couple who stood under an arch of trailing moss, pink and white chrysanthemums and a white wedding bell, in receiving their numerous guests.

During the reception Miss Gertrude Partridge danced. Major Watte rendered two piano selections; G. H. E. Green, a cornet solo, accompanied by Mrs. Green, at the piano; Wilfred Burnett played a violin solo, accompanied by his sister, Irene, at the piano.

A buffet luncheon was served, the four-tiered wedding cake, made by Mrs. Siddall, centered the table with the bride's cake at one end of the table and the groom's at the other. The table decorations were amaranth and white chrysanthemums. The bride cut the cake with the sword carried by her great-grandfather through the Fenian War and the battle of Waterloo.

The wedding cake was served on plates her grandmother used on her wedding day over sixty years ago. The esteem in which the bride and groom were held was manifested by the many beautiful presents. For going away the bride wore a blue charmeuse dress with red half sleeves, brown ensemble hat and fur-trimmed coat.

After a short honeymoon in Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Parfitt will reside at Campbell River, where the groom is principal of the public school.

The out-of-town guests for the wedding were the Misses Eleanor Parfitt, Bea Anderson, May Sandford, Thelma Schröder, Everett Brown, Fred Parfitt and Dan Parfitt.

## Weddings

Mildon-MacAllister

A quiet wedding took place at Broadalbyn, the minister's residence, on Thursday forenoon, when Rev. Dr. Campbell officiated at the marriage of Mr. John Mildon and Miss Agnes MacAllister, both of Vancouver. On their return from the honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Mildon will make their home in this city.

## CANADIAN DAIRY INDUSTRY GROWS

Gradual Education of Western Farmer to Mixed Farming Is Reason

Dairying has long been an industry of prime importance in Canada, more especially in the older parts of the Dominion. The introduction of the factory system for the making of cheese and butter, the invention of the centrifugal cream separator, and improved methods of cold storage have brought about its modern development and expansion in this country. States an article in *Investments*, published by Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Limited.

Complete statistics of the production of dairy factories in Canada date from 1900, when 26,000,000 pounds of butter and 250,000,000 pounds of cheese were produced. In 1925, 180,000,000 pounds of butter and 174,000,000 pounds of cheese were produced with a value of about five times that of the 1900 production. Ontario and Quebec have always been the largest producers of dairy products among the provinces of Canada. The combined output of the two provinces in 1900 was ninety-five per cent of the total cheese production; in 1925 it was ninety-six per cent. In 1900, Ontario and Quebec produced eighty-eight per cent of Canada's butter and in 1925 only sixty-six per cent, although the actual output of these two provinces was nearly four times the 1900 figure.

The gradual education of the Western farmer to the idea of mixed farming has accounted for the increase in the production of butter in the Prairie Provinces. In 1925, the combined production of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta was just short of 10,000,000 pounds, nearly twice the 1920 amount and ten times the production of 1900. In both Manitoba and Saskatchewan there was an increase in 1925 of the production of both butter and cheese over the 1924 amount. Alberta suffered through severe weather conditions, and the relatively low price for butterfat in cream as compared with the market price of grain, resulted in a smaller output of dairy produce in that province. Although the output of the three Prairie Provinces is becoming more significant, it has not in any year reached the production figure of either Ontario or Quebec. The Prairie Provinces produced only 120,000 pounds more butter in 1925 than in 1924. A relatively higher price for cheese throughout all of Canada in 1925 had the effect of diverting milk from the creamery to the cheese factory, with the resultant curtailment in the heretofore steady growth of butter production.

Quality Better

The improvement in the quality of the Canadian product is one of the most satisfactory phases of development. More rigorous inspection both of the raw product and the finished article has resulted in increased confidence in and demand for Canadian butter and cheese on the foreign market. The Western provinces have shown the greatest advancement in bettering the grade of dairy produce. In 1925, for butter shown at the larger exhibitions in Canada, of all

prices offered, Alberta took 28.6 per cent, Manitoba 34.5 per cent, Saskatchewan 17.8 per cent, Ontario 4.7 per cent, British Columbia 2.4 per cent, Quebec 1.4 per cent, Nova Scotia 4 per cent, Prince Edward 3 per cent. Notwithstanding this, the Eastern provinces have produced this year, a higher percentage of first grade pasteurized butter than the Western provinces. From the Imperial Food Journal of November, 1925 (an English publication), the following has been copied: "In connection with butter, a very marked development is taking place in the Northwest, and the butter we are now getting with those of the same period of 1925. Canadian butter, in competition with New Zealand and Australia at the London Dairy Show, obtained the first three prizes in salted, and the first prize in unsalted."

Ontario and Quebec have been serious competitors of older European countries in the production of high grade butter and cheese since the development of cold storage shipping made transatlantic trade possible. The United Kingdom has been Canada's greatest market for dairy produce, although she obtains her greatest supply of butter from Denmark, Japan, United States, Newfoundland and the West Indies are large importers of Canadian products, but the exports to any country are very erratic and are subject to marked seasonal variations. Canadian exports for the twelve months ending August 31, 1926, are greatly reduced as compared with those of the same period of 1925. New Zealand has become a keen competitor of Canada, particularly in the British market. Great Britain imported a larger quantity of cheese from New Zealand than from Canada in 1925, and the reduced Canadian exports of the present year point to an even greater advancement in New Zealand's exports to the United Kingdom.

On Profitable Basis

Notwithstanding the inroads made by the New Zealand product on former Canadian markets the Canadian dairy industry appears to stand on a more profitable basis. According to a statement made by Dr. J. A. Rudolph, Canadian Dairy Commissioner, the Ontario farmer received 74.23 cents, while the New Zealand farmer received 73.24 cents for every dollar's worth of butter sold in the United Kingdom; for every dollar's worth of cheese sold on the British market, the Canadian farmer received \$2.22 cents, while the New Zealand farmer received \$2.73 cents. These figures apply to 1925.

The value of Canadian dairy produce in 1924 was \$225,000,000, and in 1925 was \$300,000,000.

Dairying unquestionably holds a most important place in Canadian industry and the marketing of its produce in urban centres must remain a necessary and integral part of Canadian commerce.

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## Canadian Coal Men Facing Opportunity

The coal situation in Italy is extremely serious, writes Trade Commissioner Frederick H. Palmer, Milan, in the forthcoming issue of *The Commercial Intelligence Journal*. Reserves have practically been exhausted for some time and importations are necessary for current requirements.

All manufacturers, on account of high fuel prices, have been forced to lessen their output, and only five boats

daily were recently discharging coal at Genoa, whereas before the miners' strike in England, Genoa could expect about twenty-eight boats a day. The acuteness of the coal situation in Italy may provide an opportunity for Canadian coal interests who could ship in cargo lots.

Italy is accustomed to a coal of high grade and Canadian exporters desirous of cultivating the market should be in a position to supply only lump coal, and should send with their first letters a detailed chemical analysis of the fuel and a statement of its calorific value.

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Delightful Scene Witnessed During Rehearsal Yesterday of Next Week's Entertainment

It was raining softly outside, and people were scurrying past with arms piled high with parcels and the most pleasantly matter-of-fact and Christ-mas-y look in their faces.

But inside the Capitol Theatre a very different atmosphere enfolded one. Of course it seemed very dark just for a moment, coming in from outside, and one blundered into other blundering people groping about in the gloom before one found a seat from which to watch the graceful play of a lot of fairies and elves and gnomes and white bunnies who were perched about in the prettiest way imaginable, among toadstools and moss and rocks. In the very middle of it all was an enormous rosebud, and in

the heart of this sat a golden-haired fairy with a wand and silver shoes and a wonderful gauzy dress. About her came all the other fairies, big and small, good and mischievous, running hither and thither among the toadstools, curling up to sleep when they felt like it, chasing each other in the most delightful fashion just for the sheer sport of it all, or joining hands and dancing the most enchanting dances. Almost the only link between these labyrinths and mortals was the music, for it was certainly a real people's orchestra that could be seen playing unobtrusively against the enchanting fairyland.

"Forty Minutes in Fairyland," the charming story was called. It is to be played all next week at the Capitol Theatre, three times on Monday and three times on Saturday, and twice every other day. The Daughters of the Empire are sponsoring the entertainment, which is on behalf of their funds.

Among the most beautiful of the charming creatures are some of the dancers. The rosebud fairy herself is one of these, but there are several others who come out alone or in groups, with shimmering crowns and spangled frocks, and give graceful performances. There are two diminutive fairies, which must surely have been born just a day or two ago. Their little gauzy wings are hardly really grown yet, but if they cannot fly, they can at least dance on their toes already. One is more like a little bronze midge, even, than a fairy. There is also a butterfly fairy with a black and orange striped body and wonderful bronze colored wings. Then there are blue and green fairies, two of whom stand at the top of the stairs leading from the toadstool playground up to the grotto. Eight of them drift down from the top of this terrace at once in the proceedings, and dance gracefully around the rosebud.

An Impish little group which is bound to prove very popular with the audience numbers several whiskered gnomes, some in red dress, others in green and brown. The music is always very pretty, and there is some singing and some dialogue.

The story will be very apparent to the big audiences of children who are expected to witness the performance next week.

### Duncan

A jolly party was arranged by the nurses of the Cowichan Health Centre, Miss I. M. Jeffares, supervisor; Miss Norah Armstrong and Miss Grace Hill, on Tuesday afternoon, December 21, when the were hostesses at their residence, Duncan, to forty babies and children of preschool age. The little guests were attendants at the monthly baby clinics held by the nurses. A large Christmas tree held a present for each guest. Afternoon tea was served by Miss Jeffares and Miss Armstrong to the thirty-six adults present. Suitable refreshments were provided for the babies. Miss Hill was unable to be present owing to illness.

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Among the smaller pupils, F. Flight and G. Mellor deserve praise. Delightful phrasing was especially noticeable in Schumann's "Andante in F" (L. Mitchell), and in Purcell's "Treadle and Minuet in G" (D. Waddell). Variation of touch and tone were brought out with surprising effect in the Chopin's "Nocturne in E-flat Major" (M. Stewart); Chopin's "Mazurka in B Minor" (V. Gleason); Grieg's "Rigaudon from the Holberg Suite" (M. Stewart); Moszkowski's "Spanish Dance, No. 1" (V. Gleason); and 4. played as duets (V. Gleason and M. Stewart).

Other pupils performing were: N. Flight, J. Woodard, J. Woodard, C. Walters, M. Pendray, J. Knowlton, M. McMillan and M. Holden.

The singing class gave Mendelssohn's "May Song" in unison and four parts, and a long growing end, insuring perfect ripening. The nights should be cool in order to cause rapid germination. Mild winters are very advantageous, because the roots and other biennials have to be stored.

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## Sahlman

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Smith are entertaining a family party on Christmas Day, when the guests will have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith and wee daughter, Marjorie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Creighton and son Murray, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith are going to Metichon on Sunday to spend the remainder of the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Baxter.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. W. K. Robinson in the loss of her father, Mr. McCrimmon, of Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Peterson and two sons, and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. S. Horsfall will spend Christmas with Mrs. E. Payne, Sahlman.

Mrs. Douglas Sherman and daughters have returned from a short visit with her mother, Mrs. A. Green, Myrtle Street, Victoria.

## Sidney

The Sidney Social Club held its regular weekly card party in the dining-room of Berquist Hall on Wednesday evening. There was a good turnout of members and their friends, who spent a most enjoyable time at nifty table. The prizes were awarded to Miss E. Gilman, Mrs. Hambley, Mr. Elmer Johns and Mr. Lidgate. At the conclusion of the game, Mrs. Hambley and Mrs. Gilman served the dainty refreshments, and a social half-hour was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jones and family are moving into the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burton, on the East Road.

Miss Houldsworth, of the Sidney School staff, has left to spend the Christmas vacation in Summerland, where she will be the guest of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Smith have moved from the "Orchards," and have taken a house on Anselma Avenue.

Mrs. McKay and family left on Wednesday for Vancouver, where they will spend the holidays visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burton have moved from the East Road and taken a house in the "Orchards".

Miss Iris Hearn, of Beacon Avenue, left on Wednesday for Fanny Bay, where she will spend the Christmas holidays visiting friends.

Mr. George Lloyd, of the Sidney Mills, is spending a week's holiday visiting friends in Vancouver.

Miss Edith Gilman, of Port Angeles, is spending a week's holiday here and the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilman, Second Street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Berk have moved from Beacon Avenue to Mrs. Velch's house on Fourth Street.

The Sidney Amateur Athletic Association will hold a dance in Berquist Hall on Tuesday, December 28, at which the cup and medals won by the baseball team will be presented. Zala's four-piece orchestra will be in attendance.

The United Church has arranged to hold a service appropriate to the Christmas season on Sunday evening, December 26. Carol singing will begin at 7:15 until 7:30. Special music will be rendered by the choir and the Rev. M. Lee will give an address on "The Prince of Peace." In the afternoon the Sunday school will meet at 3 o'clock, when a programme will be given depicting the Christmas message in song, story and picture.

Since sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. Hill and family over the loss of their little daughter, Winifred, who passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Blason, of Sixth Street, left on Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays visiting in Chemainus.

Mr. Jackson, of the Sidney Mills, is spending a few days in Vancouver.

Miss Brethour, of Port Angeles, is spending the Christmas holidays here and is the guest of her grandfather, Mr. J. Brethour.

Mr. and Mrs. Vlasius, of Seattle, are spending the Christmas holidays in Sidney and the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Roberts.

Miss Nellie, of North of Seattle, arrived in Sidney on Friday and is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. S. Roberts.

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## Seed Production in Greater Victoria

By LANCE CLARK

Before a man seriously enters into any occupation he naturally seeks a place where he is most apt to make a success of his work. If he takes up seed production as a means of livelihood he will carefully consider what conditions are necessary in order to make it a success and then locate a spot that conforms to these conditions. First of all, the climate must adapt itself, or it is useless for anyone to try and produce any quantity of good seed. A long growing season with plenty of sunshine is necessary for normal development. Plenty of moisture in the early Spring and dry weather during the Summer, especially towards the end, insures perfect ripening. The nights should be cool in order to cause rapid germination. Mild winters are very advantageous, because the roots and other biennials have to be stored.

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best of their ability it is probable that the seed would be a success as far as cross-pollination is concerned. The seed plants must be undisturbed in order to mature their seed properly. What is the use of a seed grower putting his best efforts into his garden if he wakes up some morning to find all his labor has been undone by some stray cat or poultry?

It is necessary to find a market in order to sell seed profitably. Very often it is difficult to find a market, owing to the fact that the quantity of seed grown by any one man is not sufficiently large to enable him to dispose of it. But if seed growers will co-operate and pool their product (that is, putting everybody's seed into one lot, they will find that the difficulty above mentioned will be overcome.

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## "The Barbarian Lover"

By MARGARET PEDLER

"At last!" he exclaimed, as Patricia came down the steps from the terrace. "I'd begun to think the stream of arrivals was never going to cease. All Comara must be here this afternoon."

"It is rather a big crush," she admitted. "But, it's just as well to kill as many birds as possible with one stone! We're working off our social obligations before we go into camp next month's morning."

"District work—or tiger?" he asked pertinently.

"Both, I expect. There's nothing like combining work and pleasure. And of course it's part of our imperial job to rid the jungle of man-eating pests—with a broad smile. Now I'm going to carry you off to have a drink of some kind. Your throat must be as dry as a lime-kiln after saying 'how d'you do' for an hour on end."

Patricia nodded and together they made their way towards the shamanah, a big tent whence issued the soft clatter of silver and china, and the pleasant tinkles of ice in pale, signaling the various attractive forms of refreshment devised by the ingenuity of the Lulluella's khamamah.

"Tea? Or coffee?" she asked. O'Halloran, when he had established his companion in a comfortable seat, and in response to her smiling "Tea," he moved back into the tent to procure it.

Within a few minutes Patricia was surrounded, and when O'Halloran returned from foraging in the shamanah, it was to discover her the centre of a group composed of Colonel Grant, commanding the Indian cavalry regiment stationed at Comara, an elderly member of Parliament who was writing a book on India and touring the country in search of appropriate material, and an eager handful of devoted subalterns.

With an inward anathema he relinquished all hope of the little intimate tea-table talk he had anticipated, and resigned himself to sharing Patricia with the newcomers.

The conversation, at first partaking of the usual light mixture of banter and local gossip prevalent on such occasions, became gradually weighted down by the member of Parliament's determined efforts to monopolize it. He was out here to secure information as to the local administration of government in India, and, during an interval when he had found it quite impossible to buttonhole the Commissioner himself, it appeared to him no less than the act of benign Providence that he had succeeded in securing the attention of the Commissioner's daughter. There should be quite a lot of useful detail to be extracted from this source, and he set himself conscientiously to extract it, gradually shouldering the other men out of the conversation.

Patricia, covertly exchanging rueful signals of distress with Colonel Grant and O'Halloran, prepared herself to be thoroughly bored. The politician's thirst for knowledge seemed insatiable, and at last, wearied out, she began to answer his fusillade of question rather at random, with a brief inward apoplexy of amusement at the thought of the resultant inaccuracies which might conceivably adorn his prospective magnum opus. And then, just as she felt that she should scream if he launched another ponderous question at her, an unexpected diversion was created.

She became suddenly aware of a curious sense of air at the further side of the compound. The well-dressed crowd, a kaleidoscope of gaily colored frocks and sunshades, intermingled with divers uniforms and an occasional turbaned figure acclimating with jewels and rich embroideries, seemed to be breaking back into two wavering lines, like receding billows. She leaned forward, gazing in surprise at the unusual spectacle. It reminded her oddly of the con-

certed movement of a crowd depicted on a cinema screen.

"What can be happening?"

The words had scarcely passed her lips when it became evident that people were instinctively drawing aside to allow free passage to a tall, slender man who came striding purposefully across the shamanah gardens as though utterly oblivious that a social function of any kind was in progress. His dress and general appearance served to further emphasize the fact. He was garbed in khaki-colored riding kit, travel-stained and dusty and rather the worse for wear, and his topee shadowed a face that equally bore traces of the soil of travel. It was rather an ugly face, of the hatchet type, with an arrogant beak of a nose, burned by the sun to an unhealthy brown, and with a square chin and straight-tipped mouth that connoted more than a little obstinacy. His redeeming feature was a pair of keen gray eyes, deep-set beneath brown, level brows—eyes that had the clear, far-seeing glance of one accustomed to the wide spaces of the earth.

Patricia's astonished gaze followed the man as he swung his way betwixt the little groups of guests and marched unceremoniously up to the Commissioner, where he stood chatting with a couple of senior officers' wives. Patricia, at the new-comer's temerity, she waited to see the quiet, chill look of displeasure manifest itself on Lulluella's face by which, without so much as a word of censure, he was always able to check the slightest presumption. Broad-minded and genial though he might be, he had a very clear idea of that invisible boundary line which marks the respect due to the British Commissioner, and Patricia felt quite certain in her own mind of the reception which would be accorded to this audacious individual who thrust himself, in such unseemly attire, into the midst of a Residency garden-party and then proceeded to amplify his offence by breaking in upon the Commissioner himself while he was leisurely engaged in dispensing hospitality and small-talk to a couple of senior ladies of the station.

To her intense amazement, however, no expression of annoyance was visible on her father's face. Instead, he greeted the dusty stranger with unaffected warmth, although Patricia noticed a certain guarded look of anxiety spring into his eyes. Briefly making his excuses to the two ladies with whom he had been conversing, the Commissioner turned and walked rapidly away with the new-comer.

Patricia looked up at Major O'Halloran in blank astonishment. "Who on earth," she said, "is that extraordinary individual with whom my father has just gone off?"

The member of Parliament was temporarily engaged in endeavoring to pump information out of one of the subalterns, and for the moment Patricia, together with O'Halloran and Colonel Grant, formed a little group apart. The eyes of the two men met. Then, with an odd twist of his mouth, O'Halloran remarked: "Why, don't you know? That's the Commissioner's 'mystery man'."

Before Patricia could ask for an explanation, the member of Parliament intervened with a fresh question, and she was reluctantly compelled to give him her attention and to leave the elucidation of O'Halloran's cryptic utterance until a more convenient season.

(To Be Continued)

## BUTTERFLY HUNTING ENDS IN BANKRUPTCY

Man Before English Court Admits Passion Costs Him Fortune

LONDON, Dec. 24.—When application was made at Guildford County Court for the discharge from bankruptcy of Mr. James John Joicey, it was stated that the liabilities amounted to more than £453,000, but had been reduced by the withdrawal of claims by his mother, to £130,000.

Mr. Hansell, for Mr. Joicey, said that since his discharge four and a half years ago there had been no trouble apart from indebtedness to the mother. The large proportion of indebtedness was due to money lenders, who had got him into their hands and preyed upon his not very robust intelligence.

No less than £105,643 was due to money lenders, who, as the Official Receiver's report showed, had received something like £100,000 in interest alone.

Judge Hartington said he felt almost ashamed at the statement in the bankruptcy report that this man could not live on £20,000 a year. In the present case only £10 had been paid. There had been no dishonesty, but hopeless extravagance. He suspended the discharge for five years.

Mr. Joicey, who is fifty-six, told a Daily Mail reporter that his debts were incurred before the war. He said: "All my money has been spent on my collection of butterflies and moths. I have collectors working for me all over the world, and before the war was spending from £10,000 to £12,000 a year in this direction. Then I went to money lenders when I was tightly pushed for ready cash, and the snowball of debts piled up to the total mentioned in court."

Still Collecting  
"I am still collecting butterflies and moths and have already collected £5,000 this year. Last year I collected 37,000 specimens from all parts of the world. I suppose my collection, which has taken thirty-six years to get together, is worth more than £40,000. It contains considerably more than 1,000,000 specimens, one of which is worth £500."

The work has been the ruling passion of my life, and although I am now spending £7,000 to £8,000 a year I do not think I am extravagant, as my researches and investigations will be of great value to the nation."

It is understood that Mr. Joicey intends to leave his collection to the British Museum at his death. The son of Major William Joicey, a wealthy coal owner, he still has an interest through his mother in the Lambton Collieries in Durham.

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### Women's Shoes at Big Savings

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About 200 pairs of Women's Oxfords and Strap Shoes in all leathers. These are broken lines of high-grade Shoes to clear	\$1.95
at	
GROUP 2	
Approximately 300 Pairs Women's Shoes, several of the season's most popular styles. Values to \$6.50. January Sale Price	\$3.95
GROUP 3	
In this group we have put several lines, snappy tie styles, in black, grey and blonde, with reptile trims. These are extra good value. Sale Price	\$4.85
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300 Pairs of Strap Shoes in patent, kid, grey and blonde. These styles are in both spike and Cuban heels. Values to \$7.50. Sale Price	\$4.85

All our High-Grade Women's Shoes are reduced very substantially for this sale.

### Men's Shoes Are Greatly Reduced

GROUP 1	
Men's Calf Oxfords; snappy styles in black and brown. Values to \$6.50. January Sale Price	\$3.89
GROUP 2	
Men's Calf Boots in brown and black. These are good sturdy Winter weight boots. Values to \$7.50. January Sale Price	\$4.89
GROUP 3	
Men's High-Grade Boots and Oxfords; black and brown; all new styles. Values to \$10.00. January Sale Price	\$6.85

All Men's House Slippers, both felt and leather styles, at Greatly Reduced Prices.



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## The Story of Canada's Money

The Coins of the North West Company

BY PAUL MONTGOMERY  
Toward the end of the eighteenth century, when the activities of the fur trader commenced to extend west and north of the Great Lakes, wampum and beaver at first met the needs of those engaged in trade. As the nineteenth century dawned, the need for a more elastic system of exchange was felt and the Hudson's Bay Company placed in circulation a token which is now very rare. The coin was made of one heavier skin or its equivalent in open purchase.



Token of North West Fur Company

were struck in heavy copper in England and a fair number of them placed in circulation around the important posts of Haut Lie, Marle and elsewhere.

This is rightly called the mystery coin of Canada. Although it is known that a number of them were in circulation up until the year 1821, when the North West Company and the Hudson's Bay Company amalgamated, very few specimens are now known. There are perhaps fewer than a dozen individual specimens scattered across Canada in the cabinets of coin collectors. A very good specimen is to be seen in the Federal Government collection in the Victoria Memorial Library at Ottawa.

Where and how these tokens vanished has never been cleared up to the satisfaction of coin collectors. It is possible that secret hoards of them were buried during some ancient argument with the Indians, or large numbers may have vanished while being transported in a canoe which capsized. This, however, is mere conjecture. The fact is that a coin once plentiful in Western Canada has become so rare that a large sum of present day money is required to secure a specimen.

The coin is of peculiar interest because it was the first money introduced to Western Canada. It was

used in trade with the early settlers in the vicinity of the fortifications at the Red River (now Winnipeg) and it taught the Indians and other traders their first elementary lessons in a medium of exchange without the articles bought or sold being actually produced at the time.

### Looked Like Intended Suicide

The citizen who was brandishing a razor looking razor was thinking suicide but came he was thinking... Needless to say, his wife caught him Putnam's Coin Extractor and hid the razor—very wise, because Putnam's acts in 24 hours; try it, 25c at all dealers. (Adv.)

Some years later the Hudson's Bay Company placed a series of tokens in circulation. They became very rare and were eagerly sought by coin collectors; very large prices being offered for them. However, a large hidden store of them came to light, and they are not now difficult to secure. It may be that the same thing will happen to the mystery coin of the North West Company—(Copyright, 1926).

### Holland Is Market For Canadian Honey

The largest consumers of honey in Holland are the bakeries, which usually consume white to light yellow colored honey, writes Trade Commissioner A. B. Mulligan, Rotterdam. In the forthcoming issue of The Commercial Intelligence Journal.

Dark honey is either imported from Britain or the domestic product is used. Canadian buckwheat honey is consumed principally by the small bakeries to which it is sold in sixty-pound tins or barrels of 150 kilos. The big bakeries purchase honey in barrels of at least 200 kilos. The price in stores of table honey is about one florin (forty cents Canadian) per pound, but this price is too dear for the average consumer in Holland.

Honey is imported in barrels of net weight as follows: Cuba, 5 cwt; Brittany, 6 cwt; San Domingo, 5 cwt; Mexico, 5 cwt; Peru, 3 cwt; Chile, 1½ cwt.

Little Canadian honey has been used although its quality is excellent, but will undoubtedly be preferred if it is packed in barrels, and prices should compete with Cuban honey.

### Pleasing His Public

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Twenty-four years ago, when he was known in America by only two plays, George Bernard Shaw thought since the "easiest way to possible success was to give the average theatregoer what he is sure like, it would be safer to keep a saloon." It was revealed here today from the publication of four hitherto unpublished letters.

## FASCISM WRAPPING ITALY IN DARKNESS

Exiled Historian Deplores Suppression of Press and Resultant Ignorance

MANCHESTER, Dec. 24.—The Friends' Meeting House here has been the scene of an interesting discussion of Fascism by Professor Salvemini, a noted historian and an exile from Italy. The lecturer's views on Mussolini and his methods provoked a protest by Professor Eshora, of Manchester University, who, as vice-president of the British-Italian League, was present in the audience and disavowed vigorously from the views expressed.

Professor Salvemini, according to The Guardian, gave a moving account of the effect of Fascist repression on the individual. Those who had never experienced it could not realize what political life became when the freedom of the press was abolished, he said. When such laws as those of Italy were introduced, all political activity disappeared; parties were annihilated; conversation, even between friends, became impossible. What could one write and talk about when one knew nothing? It was the dissolution of every social tie, the end of national unity. It was a kind of perpetual night in which men wandered, empty of ideas.

It was one of the most tragic sides of dictatorship in Italy that citizens were obliged to recognize it formally. No person who had to earn his livelihood was allowed to live quietly and freely in his little corner. But the men who had convictions, who had a political record, found themselves in an appalling situation. He was obliged to betray his faith. If he had no children, or was not bound by strong ties, if he could find employment in other countries, he emigrated and began life afresh.

But only a few were in a position to face the unknown in this way.

The majority were tied to the land, to their professions, and to their homes.

### KHQ Linked to 8 Stations for Party

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24.—A recent celebration commemorating the first anniversary of the establishment of Station KHQ, here, consisted of twelve hours of continuous broadcast through nine stations. KHQ had a special tie-up for the celebration by direct wire with several other broadcasting stations. These were: KFOA, Seattle; KGW, Portland; KSL, Salt Lake City, Utah; KLE, Denver, Colo.; KFKX, Hastings, Neb.; WJLO at Des Moines, Iowa; WBBM, Chicago, and KOWW, Walla Walla, Wash.

### Sir Adolph Tuck's Will

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Christmas Eve coincidence today was the publication of the will of the late Sir Adolph Tuck, formerly chairman of the Raphael Tuck Company, long noted as makers of Christmas cards. The will disposed of an estate valued at £221,433.

### Weak Throat Strengthened; Voice Was Impaired

For years past public speakers, singers and ministers have been users of CATARRHOZONE in order to give strength and clearness to the voice. Writing from his home in Billerica, N.H., Mr. John E. Nicholson says: "I had trouble with my throat and nose for some time, and could get no benefit with anything until I tried CATARRHOZONE, which improved me greatly, and I cannot say too much in its favor. I can now speak much more clearly, and am always ready to recommend CATARRHOZONE." Signed: John E. Nicholson.

Catarrhozone is a marvel for throat trouble, catarrh, bronchitis, coughs, colds. Large size \$1, small size 50c, at all dealers. (Adv.)



# NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

## Puckchasers Will Perform At Willows Rink Monday

Shells and Tilliams Meet in Feature Game at 9 o'clock Preceded by Colonist and United Service Game—Good Crowds Expected

**How They Stand**

W.	L.	Pts.
Shells	3	0
Colonist	2	1
United Service	2	2
United Service	0	2

Monday's games are:  
Colonist vs. United Service at 8 o'clock.  
Tilliams vs. Shells at 9 o'clock.

With three straight wins to their credit the Shells will meet the Tilliams for the second time this season. In their last meeting the former club handed the latter a 2-0 defeat in a keenly fought encounter, but on Monday the Tilliams promise to spring a surprise on the league leaders and hand them their first defeat.

## VANCOUVER RUGGERS READY FOR STANFORD

First Match of American Students' Tour to Be Played This Afternoon at Brockton Point

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Groundmen at Brockton Point removed the straw from the pitch today in preparation for the big Stanford-Vancouver "rug" match billed for 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and, despite the promise of a fine weather man, the oval ball artists will have a fairly good underfooting. Either Art Lord or Jim Underhill will referee the game.

Harry Maloney, manager of the northern collegians, had his charges work out at the Horse Show Building this afternoon, and all reported in tip-top shape.

## College Hockey Teams Playing Next Week

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Crack hockey teams of Canada and the United States figure in next week's schedule at Madison Square Garden. On Monday, Princeton and Princeton furnish international rivalry. Thursday night Yale plays McGill, of Montreal, and New Year's Eve will bring together Harvard and Toronto.

## Racing at Tijuana

**TUJANA, Mex. Dec. 24.**—Results of racing here today follow:  
First race, five furlongs—1, Canny Lady, \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.00; 2, Scotch Lass, \$2.00, \$1.00, \$0.50; 3, Chief Scotcher, \$1.00, \$0.50, \$0.25.  
Second race, five furlongs—1, Income, \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.00; 2, Faithful Girl, \$1.00, \$0.50, \$0.25; 3, Billy D, \$0.50, \$0.25, \$0.10.  
Third race, mile and seventy yards—1, Tight, \$2.00, \$1.00, \$0.50; 2, Pansy, \$1.00, \$0.50, \$0.25; 3, Full of Fun, \$0.50, \$0.25, \$0.10.  
Fourth race, Clubhouse course—1, Matinee Idol, \$2.00, \$1.00, \$0.50; 2, Jay Roberts, \$1.00, \$0.50, \$0.25; 3, Bank, \$0.50, \$0.25, \$0.10.  
Fifth race, four and half furlongs—1, Somers's Heir, \$1.00, \$0.50, \$0.25; 2, Petal, \$0.50, \$0.25, \$0.10; 3, Prisoner, \$0.25, \$0.10, \$0.05.  
Sixth race, six furlongs—1, Mado, \$1.00, \$0.50, \$0.25; 2, Frances Rock, \$0.50, \$0.25, \$0.10; 3, Escapade, \$0.25, \$0.10, \$0.05.  
Seventh race, five furlongs—1, Pull Point, \$1.00, \$0.50, \$0.25; 2, Strover, \$0.50, \$0.25, \$0.10; 3, Edmon, \$0.25, \$0.10, \$0.05.  
Eighth race, six furlongs—1, Conclusive, \$1.00, \$0.50, \$0.25; 2, Mink, \$0.50, \$0.25, \$0.10; 3, Belle K, \$0.25, \$0.10, \$0.05.  
Overnight Entries  
First race, five furlongs—Virg Morris, 10; Lady Broadwater, 10; Mordale, 10; Vanderburg, 10; Hope, 10; Quinn, 10; Nan McKlin, 10; Karone, 10; Mayflower, 10; Zucco, 10; Come, 10; Cloppie, 10; Dry Joe, 10; My Friend, 10; Lypnotic, 10; Run Preserve, 10; Specialist, 10; Virg Redwig, 10; Scotch Lass, 10.  
\*Entry.  
Second race, four and half furlongs—La Jolla, 10; Simon Kenton, 10; Roper, 10; Danvers, 10; Shasta Rock, 10; Silver Strand, 10; Josie Hartman, 10; Normie, 10; Buddy Clark, 10; Combat, 10.  
Third race, five and half furlongs—Assault, 10; Weatherman, 10; Doug, 10; Johnson, 10; Jago, 10; Ask John, 10; Shasta Rapids, 10; Tallfellow, 10; Canny Lady, 10; Seth, 10; Dover, 10; Ren Crow, 10; Ethel Brown, 10; Lampo, 10; Ike Harvey, 10.  
Fourth race, Clubhouse course—Vee Girl, 10; Valor, 10; James H. Brown, 10; Mart Bunch, 10; Mulder, 10; Wrangler, 10; Smart Guy, 10; Wonder Light, 10; Kluska, 10; Kewla, 10; Royal Oak, 10.  
Fifth race, six furlongs—American Sun, 10; Bonnie Omar, 10; "Electro" 10; "Termino", 10; "Pat", 10; Bookbinder, 10; Paavo, 10; "Rolla Royce", 10; Pegana, 10; Firm Friend, 10; Deep Thoughts, 10.  
\*La Brea entry; "Abram" entry; "Sagami" entry.  
Sixth race, mile and seventy yards—"Sweepstakes", 10; Herod's Pride, 10; "Regina", 10; Sandhill, 10; Crumbow, 10; Trampin, 10; Jack Palmer, 10; Royal Princess, 10; "Thup", 10; "Canny Lady", 10; "The World", 10; "Boone", 10; "Hinter" entry; "Abbott" entry.  
Seventh race, seven furlongs—Cadmus, 10; Ormeau, 10; "Snow", 10; "Pat", 10; Prince James, 10; Melachino, 10; "Allie", 10; The Palmer, 10; "El Cid", 10; Viola Brown, 10; "Scotland", 10; "Forever", 10; "Detectable", 10; Sister Joella, 10; My Daddy, 10; Poppina, 10; The Corsair, 10.  
Eighth race, five and half furlongs—"Comed", 10; Rob Roy, 10; Sunny Maid, 10; Rock Bottom, 10; "Hemant", 10; "Queen", 10; "Marie", 10; "Hilary", 10; "Kallio", 10; "Lahontin", 10; "Rehner", 10; "Star Dust", 10; "Queen Catherine", 10; "Downtown", 10; "Clear", 10; "Muddy", 10.

## Form Left Flank of Victoria City's Attack



TOM SMITH  
Inside left.  
A. CAMERON  
Outside left.

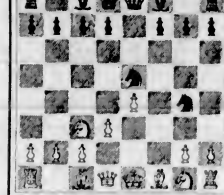
Fast forwards of the local team, who will be out to uphold the city against Nanaimo today at the Royal Athletic Park in a First Division Pacific Coast League soccer fixture.

## CHESS COLUMN

"Good company's a chessboard"—Byron's "Don Juan"

By T. H. PIPER

BLACK—Napoleon



The diagram and moves are from a game played between Napoleon the First and M. de Remusat. The game was published in The B.C.M. is well authenticated and lately republished by Kagan of Berlin.

**WHITE**—M. de Remusat  
1. P. Q. 4 2. N. K. 5 ch  
3. P. K. 3 4. Q. B. 3  
5. N. B. 3 6. N. B. 6 ch  
7. K. K. 2 8. N. K. 4 ch  
9. K. K. 3 10. N. K. 4 ch  
11. K. N. 3 12. Q. N. 3 ch  
13. K. B. 2 14. Q. N. 3 ch  
15. K. Q. 5 16. Q. N. 3 mate

The opening moves were:  
**WHITE**—M. de Remusat  
1. P. Q. 4 2. N. K. 5 ch  
3. P. K. 3 4. Q. B. 3  
5. N. B. 3 6. N. B. 6 ch  
7. K. K. 2 8. N. K. 4 ch  
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15. K. Q. 5 16. Q. N. 3 mate

The following short bright games are selected to be in harmony with the spirit of the season.  
**WHITE**—M. de Remusat  
1. P. Q. 4 2. N. K. 5 ch  
3. P. K. 3 4. Q. B. 3  
5. N. B. 3 6. N. B. 6 ch  
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15. K. Q. 5 16. Q. N. 3 mate

## Arrange for Series Of Yacht Races for International Trophy

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A special British-American Cup committee after correspondence with the trustees of the Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht Club, has agreed to a series of team races for a new cup on lines similar to those of the previous competition. The committee decided to undertake the responsibility for holding these races in 1928, and the secretary was instructed to write to America to that effect.

The committee will discuss details of future contests with American men who are to visit this country next Spring to participate in a conference under the International Yacht Racing Union.

## BOUTS TOO LONG FOR YOUTHFUL FIGHTERS

Complaints Made in England of Over-Long Professional Contests for Boys in Their Teens

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Complaints regarding the ways in which professional boxing in England permits youths of fifteen or sixteen to take part in long contests are pouring in upon the authorities.

A report of the Amateur Boxing Association points out that overstraining of youngsters is not tolerated in amateur circles, and the rule governing junior competitions says: "In no case must a junior take part in a contest of more than four rounds of one and one-half minute each."

## NANAIMO BASKETERS DEFEAT LADYSMITH

British Columbia's Champion Girl Players Win From Commercial by 26 to 7

NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—The Nanaimo Rinkettes basketball team, British Columbia girl champions, defeated Ladysmith, Vancouver, 24-7, last night. The Nanaimo girls were in fine form, and led from the first whistle. The scorers were: Nanaimo, D. Robinson (17), L. Akenhead (4), M. Brant (3), Ladysmith, P. Katal (1), C. Cloke (2), H. Mayoyak (4). Registering their third straight win in three games played, Nanaimo basketball team last evening defeated Timmerlands by 23 to 17. The play was very exciting all the way, with anybody the winner, but following the rest period, Timmerlands came back strong, reached the 14 mark and ended the leading Nanaimo 17-14. Nanaimo again took a brace, tied the score, and then passed their opponents, making a final tally of 23, while the visitors stuck at the 17 mark. The locals, if anything, had the edge on combination work.

The scorers were: Nanaimo, W. Chin (2), E. Bradshaw (9), E. Jones (5), S. Lowe (2), W. Milburn (1); for Timmerlands, D. Katal (2), G. Katal (5), W. Popovich (4), E. Mason (4).

"If Green refereed the boys' game and W. Kelly officiated in the girls' match."

## Annual Swim Will Be Held at Gorge Today

At 11 o'clock today the swimmers will take the water at the Gorge in the seventh annual Christmas Day swim of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club. Officials of the club made it known that the event will be carried out regardless of weather conditions. Entries which have been received are from T. Wellburn, W. T. Stanton, W. T. Barrett, Bill Robertson and C. Jeffrey.

Swimmers who have failed to file their entry are reminded that post entries will be accepted.

## J.B.A.A. Will Stage Midwinter Regatta

The J.B.A.A. will hold a mid-winter regatta at their clubhouse in the inner harbor this morning, with the first event starting at 10:30 o'clock.

Crews will be selected on the spot and four or five races will be carried out. This will be followed by a swim. As many members as possible are requested to put in an appearance and make the affair one to be long remembered.

## "Peggy" Bettenson Dead

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A. P. Bettenson, long known to the boxing world as "Peggy," managing director of the National Sporting Club in London, died today.

## NANAIMO CITY TEAM PLAYING HERE TODAY

Football Game at Royal Athletic Park Christmas Sport Feature—Juvenile (Open to Preliminary)

Victoria's soccer fans are always anxious to see good football, and today they will be given a chance to witness one of the smoothest-working soccer machines in British Columbia when the Nanaimo City team play the Victoria City eleven at the Royal Athletic Park at 11:15 o'clock this morning. This game will be preceded by a juvenile exhibition between the Three C's and the Four H's juvenile teams. The local team, although not banking on handing the visitors an overwhelming defeat, intend to let the city eleven know that they are in the game. They will have the same team as that of last year.

It is expected that the attendance at today's game will break all records for games of this kind. The Victoria City line-up is announced as follows: Teaming: Campbell and Glancy; "Red" Hawkes, Bob Preston and Howson; Wallace, Tommy Smith and Cameron.

NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—Nanaimo City football team journeyed to Victoria tomorrow, where they will meet Victoria City in a Pacific Coast League fixture. The probable line-up of the locals will be as follows: Goal: Tait; backs, Perry and Edmunds; half-backs, Knight, McFarlane, Stobart; forwards, Wilson, Handland, Cowie, Bell and Minto.

## COBB BET TWICE AND LOST EACH TIME

"Georgia Peach" Gives Lie Direct to Charges of Baseball Game Fixing Years Ago

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Ty Cobb never bet on two baseball games in his life and lost both bets, and the first two games of the world series of 1919, between the White Sox and the Cincinnati Reds, he declared today.

In an interview given O. B. Keeler, golf writer of The Atlanta Journal staff, Cobb, returning home for the Christmas holidays, answered the charges against him with the following categorical statement:

"I never fixed or connived at fixing any ball game.

"Specially, I did not fix, or assist to fix, or talk about fixing the ball game between Detroit and Cleveland, September 25, 1919.

"If that game was fixed in any way I did not know it then and I do not know it now.

"I do not believe it was fixed.

"I did not bet on that game, or intend to bet on it or try to bet on it."

**Only Bet Twice**  
"I have bet on only two ball games in my life in which an American League club was involved. These were the first two games of the world series of 1919, between the White Sox and the Cincinnati Reds. I bet \$50 on the first game and \$100 on the second, on the American League to win. The White Sox lost both games.

"So far as I know Judge Landis first heard about this Leonard business from me. I told him about it last Summer, in July, or August.

"I've been to Chicago four times for a hearing, three times in the hope that Leonard would appear. The last time we had the hearing again. But I am not done with Dutch Leonard."

"Ty Cobb's eyes were cold and hard when he said this. There would have been one long before this, but it was impossible to get Leonard to attend a hearing. I went to Chicago four times. The last time I was there when there were only thirty minutes when I was recalled to Chicago.

**Wanted the Truth**  
"I heard Monday that Joe Wood was really and truly a truth. I was happy as a lark about it. That's all I wanted and all I spoke wanted. And Joe did tell the truth. Judge Landis was eminently fair. It was the American League that did most of the damage to Speaker and me.

"The American League tied our hands by buying those letters from Leonard, and not letting us meet him. That was a rotten deal, especially directed at two men who had served the league as long and as faithfully as we had. Leonard tried to sell his stuff to me."

A. Clemens, of Copenhagen, who, like Dr. Lasker, speaks on chess over the radio once a week, recently concluded an exhibition tour, including Dortmund, Darmstadt, Mannheim and Stuttgart; the Dane won 142, lost 21, and drew 25.

**Germany**—Berlin tournament scores to date: Bogoljubow, 64; Rubenstein, 54; Ahues and Gruenfeld, 5 each; Colle and Spielman, 4 each.

**Later**—Bogoljubow 7, first; Rubenstein 6, second.

**Victoria Chess Club**  
The scores to date in the City Championship are: Barker 24, Enke 2, Gonsason 14, Marchant 1, Partington 1.

**Y.M.C.A.**  
All available chessmen and boards were in use in the new club formed by the younger men at the meeting on Thursday 31st, even an old set, one of two given by Mr. John Jardine in 1911, was requisitioned and several simultaneous and consultative games were played.

**Instruction to young men free every Thursday, 7 p.m.**

## Argentine Lightweight Boxer Winner Over Champion of Europe

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 24.—Louis Rayo, Argentine lightweight, defeated Lucien Vines, of France, lightweight champion of Europe, on points in a twelve-round contest here last night. The bout was furiously fought, with Rayo dominating in the last few rounds, although bleeding profusely from a cut in the head suffered when the fighters collided during a mixup.

## Esquimalt Veterans to Play Soccer Game Today

Old-Timers Will Give Annual Display of Soccer at Canteen Grounds This Morning—Eleven Famous Stars Will Meet Esquimalt's Present-Day Best

The annual Christmas Day soccer game between the "Old Timers" and Esquimalt will be played at the Canteen grounds this morning, with the kick-off set for 9 A.M. The former eleven carries some of the best material available, and included in their line-up have some Old Country experts who will be out to show the younger set how the game should be played.

Dr. McCallum, who will be between the attacks for the Old Timers, would perhaps be more at home attending to a case, but the opposing forwards promise to make the doctor give all his attention to his new position today, for a short time at least.

In front of him he will have McDuff and Watt, and two men with a better understanding of each other's play would be hard to find. The back line, which is composed of Henry, Johnny Roe, and Charlie Jones, is one that will be on the heels of the opposing forwards all of the time.

Fast and with a knowledge of all of the tricks of the game, they will present a formidable first line of defence.

Of the forward line, Arthur Young, Esquimalt's genial butcher, will be flying on the right wing. Arthur has

always proved himself capable of handling good meat, and today he will show his opponents just how he can hold down the wing position. Watt, the man with a bullet drive, will be Arthur's inside man. The centre forward position will be filled by Stewart, a man with a lengthy soccer career behind him and a good boot on each foot.

"Bill," as he is better known by the thousands that have seen him in action, will be out today to create new records in local soccer circles.

The remaining portion of the first line of attack will be composed of Ruggie and Barr. These players are fast, and their years of experience have taught them that the finer points of the game. Today this wing of the "Old Timers" team will prove a source of worry to the youthful Dockers' aggregation.

Very little can be said of their opponents, as they have already shown just what class of soccer they are capable of playing by their positions in the local series of the second division of the Esquimalt Coast League and the Lower Island Football Association competition.

Today they will be out to lower the colors of the famous Old Timers' eleven.

## Holing in One Is No Fluke With Him

SOME people may consider thirteen an unlucky number, the thirteenth hole on some courses may be unfortunate for some golfers who shy at water (and possibly find the nineteenth easier to negotiate), but there is one golfer at any rate for whom the unpopular number has no superstitious terrors. Thirteen and twenty-four are evidently C. M. Birnie's lucky numbers, for this well-known golfer and member of the Victoria Golf Club made the thirteenth at Oak Bay in one on July 24 last and repeated the feat yesterday, December 24, while playing with W. H. Molson and E. U. Reid, both of Victoria, and George Armstrong, of London and Melbourne. The thirteenth hole was 174 yards.

The Detroit News. Then he went on to Chicago and it seems the American League headquarters must have been notified as to what Leonard was trying to do and eventually fell for his blackmailing scheme.

"I feel that the American League should have settled with Leonard properly when it had him."

Cobb said the affair had nothing to do with his resignation from the Detroit club and managerahip.

## NEW YEAR GOLF

Mixed Foursomes Sweepstakes to Be Played at Oak Bay on January 1

On New Year's Day a mixed foursomes sweepstakes will be played at the Victoria Golf Club, consisting of eighteen holes medal play. One half of the combined handicaps will be allowed, but no competitor will be allowed more than thirty, and the handicaps of a player who has a "ladie" or more's committee may enter for this competition. Post entries will be received.

Players may choose their partners and opponents and arrange their starting time, and may play either in the morning or afternoon. Two prizes will be awarded.

Junior members, monthly visitors and ladies on the waiting list who have been given a handicap by the "ladie" or more's committee may enter for this competition. Post entries will be received.

Rub: "Did you know that flying machines are mentioned in the Bible?"

Dub: "No."

Rub: "Why, Esau sold his heirship to his brother Jacob."

## Sportive Punches

By the "Old Un"

Just to take you into the Old Un's confidence at this season of friendliness and goodwill, it is not always easy to find something to write about every time he starts to fill this allotted space for the day.

It doesn't do to say the same thing over again. And it is not always easy to find something new or to attack a stale subject from a fresh standpoint. An old story rehearsed or an old joke imperfectly disguised is poor stuff.

**BUT there is one day in the year when an old story may legitimately be brought out again and there will be few to sneer, or cavi, or criticize.**

And that day is today, when there is nothing new to say which can be better than the old, and when the same old words of yesterday, voiced in the same old language, carry the same old "punch."

Christmas, some say, is a day for the young 'uns. Quite right. But it is also a great day for the old 'uns, who unless they are NOT QUITE OLD ENOUGH, will rejoice in the doings and the sayings of the day which tend to make them feel more like young 'uns than old 'uns.

**IT IS A DAY OF REJUVENATION, AND THAT IS VERY MUCH AS IT OUGHT TO BE.**

For the celebration of Christmas is primarily the celebration of the birthday of one who spoke some of the greatest of all words when He uttered that sentence beginning, "Except ye become again as a little child..."

And therefore here's hoping that you will all, young 'uns, old 'uns and middle-aged 'uns, be young 'uns for the day and enjoy yourselves as freely and wholeheartedly as you ever did at this glad season of the year.

The Old Un can think of nothing better, newer, or better calculated to raise a smile today than the old wish which he puts once more in the old words, on which, try as he may, he cannot improve.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## TO CURB ROUGHNESS IN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Referees Given Power to Inflict Heavy Fines—Rules Are Changed for Overtime Play

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 24.—Fines not exceeding \$10 may be imposed by referees hereafter on players who get too rough in the American Hockey League. This was decided at a meeting of league officials at which several changes in the rules and schedules were arranged.

The St. Paul Club contended that three of its club players were injured due to excessive roughness in a recent match with Minneapolis.

Because of the prevalence of the games this season, the rule for overtime play was changed. Extra periods will be five minutes each as heretofore, except that as soon as a goal is scored the game will be ended instead of playing the full extra time.

The games were added to the schedule to make up for those lost when Detroit, withdrew.

## Piling Days of Peace

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The 11 soldier of past years has all but disappeared in France, this season being replaced on the toy counter by tiny models of football players in striped jerseys.

The choice of football players reflects the popularity of the sport here. A dozen new varieties of miniature football games have also appeared.

## Uncatalogued Spider Caught by Professor in Montreal Cellar

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—An unregistered and unwelcome visitor to a local hotel was captured recently in the hotel by a McGill professor.

The guest arrived in a crate of bananas. He measured about four inches from the tip of one leg to the tip of the other, and is of the kind a little too big to be popular. He is now crawling about at ease in an improved home in the Department of Zoology at McGill, where he is in the keeping of Dr. W. H. McNeill, professor of Zoology at the university.

The newcomer will find himself in superior society at McGill, for resident of the Department of Zoology for the past three years there has been a much larger and more ferocious member of the spider family in the person of the poisonous but handsome Cuban tarantula. This spider is of large size, and is of a deep velvety black, with handsome golden brown markings, caused by fine golden hairs.

He also arrived in a crate of bananas from Cuba three years ago, and lives contentedly in a wooden home with a special run giving him ample space to move around in the light and air. He is always handled with gloves, as he is apt to grow angry if interfered with very much, though he will stand gentle touching.

Husband (hearing the latest crash from the kitchen): "I think we ought to call that maid of ours 'Dawn'."

Wife: "Why?"

Husband: "Because there isn't a day that she doesn't break."

## General O'Pinion

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## "MERRY CHRISTMAS" IS PARTING MESSAGE

CAPTAIN OF PRESIDENT MADISON ISSUES GREETINGS TO VICTORIANS

Gramophone Experiment Attachment Puts Popular Master in Happy Mood

A merry, merry Christmas and a most happy and prosperous new year to the good people of Victoria, was the parting greetings of Capt. Thomas P. Quinn, master of the American Mail line steamer President Madison, when he cleared from this port last night enroute for the Orient.

Captain Quinn, one of the most popular shipmasters in the company's service, during his short stay at this port was visited by many and his cabin was filled with a large number of gifts from his many friends in this city.

Captain Quinn was doubly pleased yesterday. An experiment suggested for his cabin gramophone proved to be most suitable, and the veteran skipper was kept busy demonstrating it to numerous immigration officials and other visitors who boarded the vessel to extend greetings. Barcelona was a popular number, and the captain's listeners proved redoubtable exponents of the Christmas.

Elaborate Christmas Celebrations Before proceeding from Seattle, a large amount of supplies for the celebration of Christmas were loaded. Plans were already completed when the ship left port, and passengers are looking forward to a most enjoyable day.

Passengers who left with the liner include the following: Mr. P. T. Yuan, student of the Illinois Wesleyan College, bound for Shanghai; Rev. E. A. Baker, of the American Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, and family, en route to Shanghai; Mr. Adolph Unt, of Dodge, Demour & Company, bound from New York for Manila; Mrs. David P. Gill, and daughter, en route to Shanghai; John Mr. Gill, who is connected with the American Oriental Banking Corporation, bound for Yokohama; Miss E. Yang, C. Bee and T. C. Chow, who were commissioners from China to the exposition at Philadelphia, returning to Shanghai; Mrs. Levena Brown and children, en route to Manila to join her husband, who is with the United States Asiatic Squadron; Mr. Henry Gross, of the Alaska Marine Corporation, and Mrs. Gross, bound for Yokohama, and Mr. H. W. Hewitt, secretary of the Christian Advent Society of Boston, en route to Shanghai.

## SANTA UNWARE VICTORIA EXISTED 76 YEARS AGO

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ing ground, apparently covered with oak trees, much like sections of the Uplands today. The dense, sombre forests of fir and pine and cedars did not hem in the port as, perhaps, it may be imagined.

This, then, was Port Victoria, and its destinies of some fifteen adults and twenty-five children, reigned Mr. James Douglas. (He was not Sir James Douglas in 1859.)

On Christmas Day in Victoria of 1850, though shorn of much of the traditional trappings, the children did not waken at a distasteful early hour in the hope of catching Santa re-hauled in the very act of stuffing delectable things into the loneliest stockings available. But they were awakened bright and early by the tolling of the bell in the watch tower. Their Christmas present was not bicycles, roller skates, ingenious mechanical toys, ravishingly pretty dolls or elaborate dolls' houses. "There were no toys for the children," said Mr. Douglas in 1859. "There were no presents of any kind."

Children Appreciative "For," says Mr. Anderson, "these were presents of sound, practical value, articles of the most useful kind, such as soap, needles, and so on. And youthful hearts were made glad by these gifts as much as if they had been the expensive toys of today."

Children Appreciative

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## Victoria When Christmas Came Years Ago



things grew upon one. The more luxury there is the less children appreciate it. The children in the early days appreciated a book more than the modern child appreciates his beautiful and abundant toys.

But the children of 1850 did not know the joy of being greeted by a laughing Santa with beautifully-filled sacks, nor the joy of a Christmas world with gaily glittering tinsel and colored candles and mirth-provoking crackers. And the reason for this was that there were no colored candles or glass bulbs or glittering tinsel, and the presents were too few and too prosaic to comprise a bountiful sackful of gifts and make the appearance of Santa really worth while.

For Port Victoria was far removed from the marts of the world. Civilization meant England, and England was many thousands of miles away, only reached by the long and hazardous journey in a sailing ship around Cape Horn.

In 1850 there was but one ship from England in the twelve long months of the year. Space in her holds was valuable and when she was usually early in the year, there was little "linery," there were few of the beautiful but inconsequential things associated with Christmas abroad here. And in the interval between her arrival and Christmas time, most of what there was was used or consumed.

Service Conducted. After breakfast, the usual sort of breakfast, Mr. Anderson says, everyone in the fort assembled in the mess hall where services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. John Staines, M.A. The rest of the morning the children spent in play. If there was ice they could skate usually on a pond in the region of what is now the intersection of Cook and View Streets. Not all, however, for there were only a few pairs of skates. If there was snow they could take "thrilling rides on home-made sleighs (sleighs were an unprofitable sort of cargo with a freight service of one ship a year). But there was always snow or ice, for Victoria's climate in the very early days was much the same as it is now, Mr. Anderson says.

Christmas dinner was a mid-day feast, and a feast that, difficult as it is to conceive, did not include turkey or mince pies. In the early days there were no turkeys in Port Victoria in 1850, says Mr. Anderson. But the big table in the mess hall was loaded with "good things to eat." There was game of all kinds, native to this country, grouse and haunches of venison; there was candy, plum pudding, Christmas cake, and there were wines and spirits—the latter all of a very fine quality.

No Figs or Dates. But there were no figs and dates, no oranges and lemons. There might perhaps be a few apples because there were a few apple trees at Fort Vancouver and a small quantity of fruit was sent each year to Mrs. Douglas as a present. These trees, Mr. Anderson says, grew from seeds brought around Cape Horn and planted at the fort.

In the evening Mr. Staines would play host to all the children and the time would be passed in singing and in the playing of a game called Captain John McNeill, in the days of Victoria's infancy, used to sail a small bark between here and Honolulu. His cargo was not of the usual sort, but consisted largely of sugar and molasses and other characteristic products of the Sandwich Islands. Initially his cargo would contain a few oranges, but these were imported rather for his personal use than as a commercial undertaking. So there were no oranges on the big Christmas table in the mess hall.

Captain McNeill's bark, it is interesting to note, gave Honolulu its only communication with the North America in those days. It also gave Port Victoria its only communication with the world other than North America, apart from the one ship each year from England.

**Japan to Complete Big Navy Programme After 5-Year Limit**

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—Appropriations for a five-year naval shipbuilding programme, calling for the expenditure of 251,200,000 yen in auxiliary ship construction has been approved by the Japanese cabinet.

Thirty million yen was lopped off the original sum asked for by the Naval Office, but with the understanding that the ships whose construction will be postponed thereby will be built after the five-year period has elapsed, it is in the year 1927-28. The original plan called for the building of thirty-three ships, while the revised building schedule provides for the construction of twenty-eight auxiliary craft, as follows: Four cruisers, fifteen destroyers, four submarines, three river gunboats and two special service ships (one aerial despatch ship and one minelayer).

The appropriations will be appropriated by years as follows:

Fiscal year:	Yen
1927-28	4,725,000
1928-29	11,924,000
1929-30	38,806,000
1930-31	48,800,000
1931-32	48,857,000

Two cruisers will be built during the fiscal year 1927-28.

A letter from the absent son had just been read at the breakfast table. "His letters are very short," remarked the wife.

"Yes," granted her husband, "he is when he writes them."

## HOLIDAY SEASON IS HALTING PRODUCTION

Decline in Market Openings and Restrictive Legislation Curb Output

While all lumber plants are now closed for the holidays and some will not open promptly after the Christmas season, there are factors in connection with the island situation which are not without promise.

As the chief industry on the island, the decline in market openings and restrictive legislation are the chief causes of the present decline in business so far as forest products are concerned. As the chief industry on Vancouver Island, any adverse influence is bound to react upon the business of the island in a much wider extent than those directly affected.

West Coast Production

Decline in the production of lumber during the Christmas season was noted in the report of 165 mills issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, which showed that during last week the production had dropped from a total of 59,017,941 feet the previous week to 53,503,329 feet. There was an increase, however, in the demand during the week, total of orders booked having increased from 53,186,437 feet to 57,374,066 feet. Shipments also had increased from 52,181,935 feet the previous week to 54,052,066 feet.

During the fifty-one weeks of the present year, production had increased from 5,992,350,472 feet for 113 mills for the same period last year to a total of 5,510,866,878 feet for 104 mills. During last year 5,298,554,431 feet of lumber was sold, compared with 5,237,227,645 feet for the previous year, and shipments were increased from 5,239,774,808 feet to 5,309,932,444 feet.

Of the new orders booked last week, 48,802,826 feet of lumber was for rail shipments, compared to 44,107,295 feet the previous week; domestic cargo orders increased from 16,670,532 feet to 22,586,815 feet, but export orders declined from 15,702,152 feet to 13,165,694 feet, and local orders dropped from 4,656,953 feet to 2,467,031 feet.

The principal announcements of the last few months include the purchase of the limits of the British Columbia Milling and Trading Company in the Bayview district by the International Timber Company. The International has been cutting for some years in the Campbell River section of the island, and this new acquisition is farther to the north.

A considerable development in connection with the New Ladysmith Lumber Company's holdings, to be carried on under the new title of the Nanaimo Lumber Company, has recently been announced, plans calling for a mill on the Nanaimo waterfront.

## HUCKLEBERRY FINN HAS A 1926 MODEL

Educator Says That Modern Boy Is Not Unlike Mark Twain's Hero

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 24.—"Spirit of Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer lives still."

Paul C. Stetson, superintendent of education, made that statement before a program arranged in honor of the anniversary of Mark Twain. "Modern Tom Sawyers and Huckleberry Finns may not hunt for gold in old caves or go on marauding expeditions or conduct imaginary Indian massacres, but they still duplicate these escapades in terms of 1926," he declared.

"The two boys who fixed up an old rattlerap 1910 automobile and went west with forty-nine cents in their pockets are Tom's queer and his pal come to life," Stetson declared. "Soon we may expect them to rig up an abandoned airplane and start upon their high adventure."

"It will be a sad day when the spirit of adventure dies and boys no longer dream long dreams of impossible achievements," Stetson declared.

Real Education. "Through these adventures boys are getting a real part of their education. They are developing resourcefulness, initiative and courage. It is the bright light of youth."

Every gang has its leader, Mr. Stetson pointed out. Wisely and directed carefully they will lead in the right direction. Left to their own devices, all too frequently they will lead in the wrong direction.

"We can see, through the mist of the years, sturdy, adventurous Tom Sawyers strolling along, swearing vengeance upon the boys who dared to follow by his faithful pal, Huckleberry Finn," the educator continued.

"As we watch their figures grow dim and disappear into the mist of night, Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn are gone. Gone? What was that noise?"

**BLACKHEADS**  
Blackheads go quickly by a simple method that just dissolves them. Get your doctor, rub this with a hot wet cloth twice over the blackheads and you will wonder where they have gone.

## IDENTIFICATION BIG PROBLEM FOR BANKS

Pratt Man Tells How Crook May Fool Even Most Careful of Clerks

(By A. G. R. TROCIU, in Monetary Times.)

From the earliest days of our banking experience the above subject has always been to the forefront and will remain one of the most important phases of a bank clerk's life.

Much has been said and much has been shown us, and there appears much that can still be learned by the most of us, as the following experience will, perhaps show.

Twice on a bright and sunny autumn morning—the kind we prize ourselves with in Alberta—when in walks a stranger, apparently one of a sunny disposition, for he greets us with a pleasant "Morning, dandy day." He then presents his cheque—signed John Harleycorn—for \$100, drawn on the Farmer's Bank at Gopherburg and requests payment.

After informing the writer he is a stranger in town, and being unable to furnish any identification, he is politely told his cheque can only be taken on collection and payment made upon satisfactory identification. The young traveler, he turns to leave the office, when he should meet just coming in but our good friend and esteemed customer, Farmer Giles, whom he knows as an old family acquaintance.

After receiving an explanation of his predicament, Mr. Giles proves himself a "friend indeed" and comes to the rescue by endorsing the cheque "for identification only."

Now all that is necessary is to find out if there is a bank to the credit of John Harleycorn, so we ring up Gopherburg and the reply comes back "cheque O.K. we will hold funds." Everything now appears quite easy and safe, for we have not taken every precaution? We had our traveler identified and his cheque endorsed by a reliable man, and he has "put one over" on the bank.

Four days pass by and the incident is almost forgotten, when, like a thunderbolt from the sky, it is all vividly brought to life by a letter from Gopherburg with payment refused, marked "forgery."

Surely there must have been some mistake made, surely some stupid ledger keeper has made a mistake, but what is his post? What does it all mean?

How Money Was Recovered. Believing in Shakespeare's motto that, "he who hesitates is lost," and encourages us to quick thought and action, and we get the telephone working and are soon in touch with the Gopherburg settlement.

We are also told that our particular friend (who enjoys the same nomenclature) has no account at the Farmer's Bank; he has previously forged his father's name on cheques, has also recently stolen a motor car and been connected with one or two horse races.

Having learned sufficient for one day concerning the habits of Harleycorn, Jr., the writer rings off and quickly retires to a quiet corner of the office to think out the "modus operandi"—already he sees his summer trip to the coast cancelled, and before him looms up the photograph of \$100 overdrawn in his somewhat frail and unprofitable account.

Phially the writer decides to send a letter to the culprit, threatening to place the matter in the hands of that most excellent body of men, whose records stand out in golden letters upon the pages of Canadian Northwest history—the Royal Canadian Mounted Police—unless refund is made immediately.

Response Horrible. The suspense of the next two days and nights can better be imagined than described, but what of the joy when on the morning of the seventh day the telephone rings and the Farmer's Bank informs us that John Harleycorn, Jr., in order to protect his son from the grip of the law and also to save the good name of Harleycorn throughout the length and breadth of Gopherburg, will pay the cheque and requests us to forward same for payment.

From the above actual experience, it will be seen that our trust in human nature must ever be taken at a discount, and while it is desirable to assist and do all possible for the convenience of the traveling public, it behooves us to remember and practice the simple rules governing "identification."

## IGNORANCE HALTING EXPANSION OF TRADE

Columbia Consul Gives Address on Possibilities Before St. John's Club

"With steadily improving trade conditions, the manufacturers of Canada are looking out across the horizon towards the prosperous republic of South America and the islands of the Caribbean Ocean with the same pleasant vision with regard to the development of commerce that Columbus and his fellow explorers had for the discovery of an attack of pneumonia, and that it may affect high and low alike, the sooner we will be able to effect a greater percentage of cures, by catching the disease in the early stages."

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When the wife of the miller died, nineteen boards of the blades were removed, for a child of the family (thirteen boards, for the miller's parents, eleven boards; and so on down the line of relationship to the children) counting for whom one board was removed.

## Insanity Not Disgrace Says Head of Hospital

May Affect High and Low Alike and Recognition of This May Increase Number of Cures—"Fits of Blues" Mean Trouble

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Contract for Extensive Improvements at Tilbury Has Been Signed

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A contract for extensive improvements at Tilbury, recently been signed by the Port of London Authority, according to a report from Vice-Consul Daniel Miller, made public by the Commerce Department. These improvements are designed to meet not only the requirements of the immediate future, but those for many years to come. Included in the project, which will involve the expenditure of around 4,000,000 and will take from four to five years to complete, are a new drydock, a landing stage and a new entrance lock.

The new drydock is to be 750 feet long, 110 feet wide and 37 feet 6 inches deep below Trinity high water. Provision will be made for the extension of the length to 1,000 feet. A contract for the dock has been let to Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons, Limited. The cost of the dock and equipment is estimated at £2,750,000.

The new landing stage is to be built in co-operation with the London Midland & Scottish Railway, the Port of London Authority providing the stage itself and part of the shore accommodation. The railway will furnish the railway facilities. The length of the stage is to be 1,140 feet and it will have accommodations for 1,000 cars. The stage will be 1,140 feet long and 110 feet wide. The cost of the dock and equipment is estimated at £2,750,000.

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It is reported that the French Government has been offered a large sum for the island, but newspapers and societies are fighting the proposed deal.

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# Motors & Motoring

## BOGY OF DRIVING IN WINTER VANISHES

Motor Owners Cautioned Against Using Car in Cold Weather Without Taking Precautions

The bogy of winter no longer hovers over the automobile owner, causing him to close the doors of his garage upon a jacked-up car and to forego the convenience of self transportation for the less convenient but, in past years, more certain transportation of the street car and bus service.

A recent checking up of automobile traffic during the winter months of the last two years shows little decrease from that of summer. Winter driving is perhaps fifty per cent harder upon cars and they need, therefore, constant and particular attention. Frozen radiators have been as common as flowers in spring, and this factor alone, in cold climates, has caused many auto enthusiasts to discard their machines for the winter months. However, this nuisance can be obviated in a few minutes at any garage. There are several very good anti-freeze solutions on the market, and the intelligent use of any one of them will insure a perfectly circulating cooling system under all conditions. It seems hard, but it is true nevertheless that a frozen radiator is the fault of the man who owns it. Anti-freeze solution is almost as necessary to the cooling system as oil is to the mechanism.

The following is an extract from a bulletin issued recently by the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, for the protection of Ford owners, who represent a high percentage of all cars registered in Canada. This extract gives an idea of the importance with which this company considers the use of anti-freeze solution.

**Winter Driving**  
With the ever increasing amount of winter driving in cold climates it is necessary to caution owners against attempting to do without an anti-freeze solution during cold weather. Even though owners may drain the water from radiators after every trip, they have no assurance that one or more tubes may not become frozen through the presence of some foreign substance. Then, again, in very cold weather or when driving against a cold wind, it is possible, in some

climates, to freeze a radiator even with the water circulating.

There are many types of anti-freeze solution and compounds offered for this purpose. The ideal anti-freeze compound is one that will prevent the freezing of the cooling liquids without injuring either engine or radiators; that will not lose its properties after continued use and that will not materially change the boiling point of water when dissolved in it. Kerosene has been used to some extent as it has a much lower freezing point than water. However, it has also a very low boiling point and there is a possibility that the engine will get too hot without giving the usual indications that it does with water, and the inflammability of this vapor makes it dangerous to use.

Alcohol solutions do not exert a greater corrosive action than water. Alcohol solutions appear to be about the most desirable anti-freeze mixtures available. The list below shows approximate points at which the different alcohol solutions freeze. It is advisable to mix a small quantity of glycerine with the solution as shown. The glycerine helps to retard evaporation of the alcohol.

**Anti-Freezing Compound**  
Twenty per cent alcohol, ten per cent glycerine, seventy per cent water, freezes at approximately fifteen degrees above zero. Thirty per cent alcohol, ten per cent glycerine, sixty per cent water, freezes at approximately eight degrees below zero. Fifty per cent alcohol, ten per cent glycerine, forty per cent water, freezes at approximately thirty degrees below zero.

The solution composed of sixty per cent water, ten per cent glycerine and thirty per cent alcohol is commonly used, its freezing point being about eight degrees below zero. On account of evaporation, fresh alcohol should be added frequently in order to maintain the proper strength of the solution. The circulating capacity of the Model T engine with the present type of radiator is two and a half gallons. When filling radiators with alcohol anti-freeze solutions, care should be taken that none is spilled on the lacquer finish. If spilled on the finish, do not attempt to wipe it off until it becomes dry. In this way little damage will result. Be careful to see that the filler cap gasket is in good condition and that the cap is firmly screwed down against it. This will prevent the anti-freeze solution from being lost on the hood.

### Horn Incites Racing

A great many drivers, it has been found, are not content with a warning blast or two of the horn when they seek to pacify a machine. They make so much noise that the driver ahead regards it often as a challenge and road races are likely to follow. Sometimes these have fatal terminations.

Great Britain imposes a tax of \$5 per horsepower on automobiles. The cost of licensing the smallest British car for one year is not less than \$35 and usually somewhat more.

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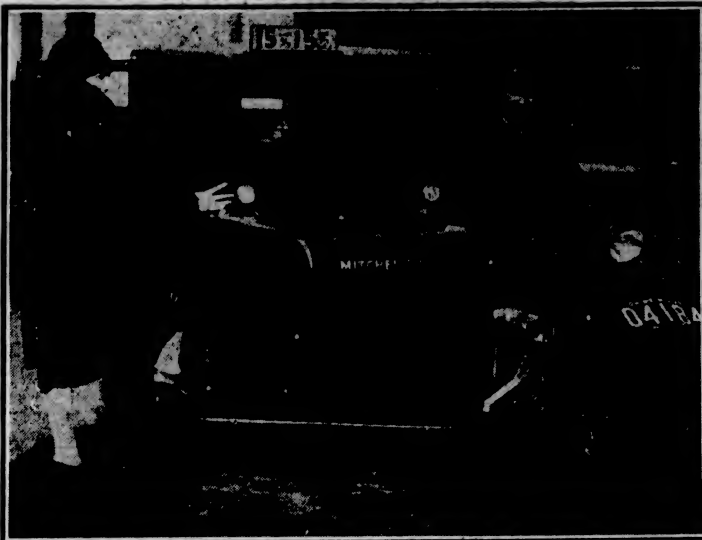
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## Motorcycle Taxicab Offers Cheap Transit



One of the new motorcycle taxicabs picking up a fare in Newark, N. J. The rate sign on top and on the side is interesting—it shows one of the reasons why this new type of public conveyance is winning popularity wherever it is introduced. Its rate is one-third cheaper than the cheapest full-size taxicab. Incidentally, Newark, with a population of more than 400,000, is the largest city in the United States in which the motorcycle taxicab has been introduced.

## TRADE SPEEDED UP BY USE OF MOTORS

Modern Transport Enables People to Do in Eight Hours What Formerly Took Twelve

By H. CLIFFORD BROOKAW

This is an age of speed. Certainly velocity is a characteristic of American life. By some, this fact is viewed with alarm. By others, the facility with which things are accomplished is a big factor in our present day prosperity. The automobile has been a tremendously important medium in getting various parts of the world's work done more quickly and effectively. It is a vital consideration in enabling folks to accomplish in an eight-hour day work that used to take nine to twelve hours to perform.

By means of the automobile's help a queen of an important European capital can be given a royal welcome in such a city as New York in as brief a time as two hours. Such an accomplishment was achieved in the welcome to Queen Marie of Rumania would have taken a full day at least had it occurred fifty years ago, before the advent of the motor vehicle. The gasoline vapor has speeded up all sorts of matter, from attending a football game 1 mile away to transporting a load of freight.

### Labor Transportation

Persons who work are able to get to their places of business and employment with greater facility than ever before because it is possible for most workers to own some kind of automobile. In the United States one person out of every six is said to own an auto. Most of these persons are filling useful jobs of some sort. An inspection of the environment of any factory will demonstrate this fact, for many cars will be found parked near the place. They are waiting to convey their owners back home after the day's work. Visit any street where a new home is being erected and note the several cars belonging to the masons, carpenters, plumbers and other workers. In selling the products of our factories the auto is found helping salesmen speed up the securing of orders. A salesman can now take on an entire State as his territory and cover it by auto with much better results than he could when the railroad plus a horse and buggy were his principal means of getting about. Such a speeding up of sales makes salesmanship more profitable for both the seller and the manufacturer. Perhaps more important still, it benefits the buyers, since the selling expense of a sale is lowered, which in turn makes possible lowering the price of the products for sale.

### Trucks Hasten Deliveries

Another matter in which customers are interested in the speed with which the goods they order get from the factories to the consumers. Here the motor vehicle is finding a large field of usefulness. Fleets of motor trucks are common occurrences on our highways. They are busy reducing the time it takes to deliver the necessities

## ROAD BILL FOR YEAR NEARLY \$50,000,000

Expenditures to March Last Under Canada Highway Act Reach Large Total

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The annual report of the Dominion Commissioner of Highways for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1926, shows that 7,018 miles of highways were constructed under the Canada Highway Act, at a cost of \$48,426,713, of which the Federal Department paid \$18,429,107.

In a summary of his report, Commissioner A. W. Campbell says: "During the year very little change was made in rates paid for labor and materials. Most of the work was performed by residents of the locality, many of whom were connected with the works for the past three to five years. Their training and experience so fitted them, that more and better work was secured with the same amount of labor and with no greater outlay."

### Bituminous Emulsions

"There was a largely increased use of bituminous emulsions for road dressing and dust-laying during 1925, materials used being calcium chloride, light asphaltic road oils, tars and medium asphalt. These materials were used successfully where carefully and properly applied."

### Regulations Needed

"The regulating of dimensions and loads to be carried by the motor truck is pressing itself more and more upon road officials and the public generally. At the same time the improvements being made in the development of the motor car, balloon tires, broader wheel tracks, shock absorbers and other improvements it is believed have decreased considerably the wear and tear on the highway surface."

### Urges Speedy Justice For Automobile Thieves

R. L. Calder, formerly Crown Attorney for the district of Montreal, recently gave the Crime Commission of the State of New York the first concrete suggestion for the elimination of organized crime when he proposed that the automobile thief be punished as swiftly and severely as was the horse thief before the advent of motor vehicles. "Car thieves," said Mr. Calder, "are the basis of organized crime. In other days the horse thief was hardly not because of the value of the horses they stole, but for the reason that they used the stolen animals as a means of fleeing from their crimes, as the car thief now uses the stolen automobile."

### Sticking Spark Plug

When replacing a spark plug, it is a good practice to make a paste of some fine graphite and lard oil (or cylinder oil), and to smear this on the threads of the plug. This will not only help to make the plug tight, but will prevent the plug and the metal of the cylinder from flushing together, due to the heat, so that the plug cannot be taken out again.

### To Clean New Auto

A mild soap containing no acid may be applied to the lacquer finish of new cars without harm when rain spots and mud are difficult to remove with water alone. The final touch should be wiping with a damp chamois to bring back the soft sheen and renew the freshness of the finish.

### When Grounding a Wire in the Frame of the Car a Better Job is Done by Cleaning off the Paint Thoroughly

An ideal valve seat in a very fine edge, as it will last longer than a wide one. A wide seat tends to permit the carbon to collect and thus heats the valve, while a narrow seat cuts the carbon and keeps clean.

## Rules for Care of Battery Laid Down

There are many important rules to follow to keep a battery in first-class condition. Here are a few of them. Watch the ammeter to see that the battery is charging or discharging properly. Test with a hydrometer at least once every week. Add enough distilled water every week to keep electrolyte over the plates. Never let the switch stay on while the engine is not running. Prevent short circuits by watching for weak places in the insulation. Never lay a tool or other piece of metal across the terminals of a battery. Keep the terminals tight and free from corrosion. Keep the terminals covered with cup grease. Prevent freezing by seeing that the battery is always fully charged.

Rocking an automobile from side to side is an excellent way to locate chassis or body squeaks. If the car has balloon tires the air pressure should be increased before trying this.

## U. S. Envoy Buys First Erskine Car

SOUTH BEND, Ind. Dec. 24.—Detailed sales reports, just received by the Studebaker factory from Paris, show that the first Erskine six to be sold was purchased by Edwin V. Morgan, American Ambassador to Brazil. Ambassador Morgan was in Paris at the time of the automobile salon where the Erskine six, Studebaker's new two and one-third litre car, was first shown. He was so impressed with the design of the car that he placed the initial order. Delivery of his car will be made in Brazil. The new Erskine six will make its debut in America at the New York Automobile Show, January 8-15.

Motorists ought to have a little more luck and perseverance. Just because none of them has yet succeeded in knocking a train off the tracks of a railway crossing is no proof that one of them won't succeed in doing it sooner or later. Springfield Union.



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## Wishing You All a Very Merry Christmas



### Our Annual Midwinter Sale of Men's, Women's and Children's Ready-to-Wear Commences Monday

Owing to the rush of Christmas business, and no papers being published between this morning and Monday evening, we are only able to give here a few items that will give you an idea of the scope, as well as the drastic nature, of this Clearance Sale of Ready-to-Wear. See papers next week for further news of this great sale. See Windows.



#### Our Entire Stock of Women's and Misses' COATS

Regular Prices From \$12.90 to \$195.00—Reduced for Clearance for  
**\$5.00 to \$95.00**

#### Our Stock of Women's and Misses' DRESSES

Comprising Afternoon, Semi-Evening, Party, Street and Sports Style Dresses. Regular Prices \$8.50 to \$79.00—Reduced for Clearance for  
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#### Our Entire Stock of Girls' Coats Has Been Reduced for This Midwinter Sale



#### Our Stock of Women's and Misses' Cardigans and Sweaters

Reduced for Clearance

Brushed Wool Cardigans. Regular \$2.75. **\$1.98**  
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Imported Pull-Over Cardigans. Regular \$5.90 to \$15.90. Priced for Clearance at **\$3.98 and \$5.98**

#### Great Clearance of Women's Blouses

English Broadcloth Over-Blouses reduced to **\$1.98**  
Delaine Over-Blouses reduced to **\$2.98**  
Spun Silk Blouses reduced to **\$3.98**

#### All Millinery On the Bargain Highway To Be Cleared at Two Prices Only **98c and \$1.98**

#### Surplus of Flowers

Flat Mounts, Bouquets, all to be cleared at **23c**  
Assortment of Feather Mounts, Wings, Quills, Buckles, Etc., to be cleared at **23c**  
—Lower Main Floor

#### Sale of Winter Millinery

Clearing All Our Winter Models at Greatly Reduced Prices

Colored and Tinsel Hats, values from \$12.50 to \$25.00, for **\$6.98**  
Black Satin and Velvet Afternoon Models, values from \$12.50 to \$27.50. To clear at **\$6.98, \$9.98 and \$12.50**  
Velvet and Felt Hats, all this season's stock, to be cleared at **\$2.98, \$3.98 and \$4.98**  
"Catalina" Velours, \$16.50 values, to clear at **\$9.98**  
"Catalina" Felts, \$10.00 values, to clear at **\$6.98**  
Children's Hats, values from \$2.95 to \$6.95, at **\$1.98**  
—Millinery, 1st Floor

#### Midwinter Sale of Corsets, Brassieres Etc.

Corselettes, two very good models. On sale for **\$1.00 and \$1.69**  
Girdles, various styles for the different figures. On sale **\$1.95 and \$2.95**  
Back Laced Corsets, exceptional values. Regular \$3.50. On sale for **\$1.50**  
Brassieres, all sizes and various styles. On sale for **39c and \$1.49**  
Corset Belts, medium and large sizes. On sale, each **\$1.00**  
—Corsets, 1st Floor

#### Great Midwinter Clearance of Men's Suits and Overcoats

Men's Raincoats, double breasted and with two-way collars; sizes 34 to 38. Regular prices to \$10.00. Reduced for clearance to

**\$5.95**

#### Men's Overcoats

Single and double breasted styles; blue chinchillas, fawns, greys, browns and fancy tweeds; sizes 34 to 44. Regular price \$25.00. Reduced for Clearance to

**\$12.50**

#### Men's Overcoats

Single and double-breasted styles; blue chinchillas, fawns, lovats and fancy weaves. Newest styles. Regular price \$30.00. Reduced for Clearance to **\$18.50**

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Best English and Canadian makes; all stylish models; blue chinchilla, Melton, Irish freize and other fine cloths; sizes 34 to 44. Regular price \$45.00. Reduced for Clearance to **\$24.00**

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Including single and double-breasted models; all popular shades; sizes 34 to 42. Regular \$22.50. Reduced for Clearance to **\$11.75**

#### Men's Suits

Of Tweeds and Worsteds, all popular shades and patterns. Regular prices to \$30.00. On sale for **\$18.50**

#### Men's Suits

Made from fine grade English Worsteds and Tweeds, new styles and most desired colorings and patterns. Regular prices to \$40.00. Reduced for Clearance to **\$23.50**

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Smart Pull-Over Sweaters in styles for either boys or girls; polo or convertible collars, finished with pompon or buttons. Shown in fawn, saxe, scarlet and rose trimmed with contrasting color. On sale, each **\$1.19**  
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Dainty Dresses of Rayon and Broadcloth, plain shades of very pretty patterns. Many colors and various neat styles; sizes 16 to 42. On sale at, each **\$1.39**  
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# Great Britain and Dominions Overseas

## EXPORTS LESSEN BY \$500,000,000

Board of Trade Returns for Eleven Months Reveal Big Decline in Total Shipments for Period

### OVER \$45,000,000 DROP IN TRADE IN NOVEMBER

Marked Increase Noted in Overseas Sale of British Motors During Past Month—Coal Strike's Effects

THE Board of Trade returns, published last week, show that British exports decreased more than \$100,000,000 in the eleven months to the end of November. The general slowing down of trade is reflected in the import and export figures for November, when imports showed a decrease of \$1,301,040, as compared with November, 1925, while exports in the same month were \$7,913,710 less than a year ago.

The figures regarding coal shipments illustrate an aspect of the loss caused from the coal strike, when it is shown that in November Great Britain exported only 5,111 tons, a value of \$5,724, as against the November, 1925, amount of 4,327,748 tons, valued at \$3,984,720. During the first eleven months of 1926 the total coal exports were 18,987,802 tons, as compared with 45,185,007 tons in the corresponding period of the year before.

The most cheerful figures concern the export of British motor cars. In October cars to the value of \$777,727 were sent to foreign markets, while in November this total was raised to the sum of \$1,039,804, indicating a marked increase in the overseas demand for this British product.

## FOUNDLING HOSPITAL OWNS VALUABLE SITE

London's Great Humankitarian Institution to Realize \$7,500,000 for Holdings

A sharp reminder that many of London's pleasant open spaces are not public property, but, on the contrary, dependent for their existence on the goodwill of private owners, was furnished by the announcement that Parliament had agreed to sanction the building over of sites on Brunswick and Mecklenburgh Squares, Bloomsbury. These two squares form part of the property belonging to the Foundling Hospital, which proposes to sell out for some million and a half pounds sterling and move to a new site. Residents of the Bloomsbury district, which since the war has taken on a new lease of life as a residential centre, have organized to combat the proposal, and have enlisted such prominent people as Countess Oxford and Sir Johnston Forbes Robertson.

## WOMEN NOW STALWART SEX SAYS PHYSICIAN

Two Million Surplus of Fair Sex Proves Superiority by Survival of Fittest in Theory

Are present-day fashions responsible for the improved health of women? Dr. Jane Walker, addressing a conference of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship in London, declared that they were.

Referring to the objection that women's physical strength was less than that of men, Dr. Walker said that there were two million more women than men in this country, and there were more widows than widowers.

"This shows," she said, "that women are more stalwart men than they have got credit for, and live longer than men. In addition, there is much more tuberculosis among men than women, and by far more men tend to get stout, and it is extremely rare nowadays to find a woman suffering from the old complaint, anæmia."

Dr. Walker also asked why women working in the factory should be made to do fire drill while men were exempted. One of the men were more intelligent.

Women must make up their minds to stand together upon their feet. "Do not be us," she said, "be hypnotized into thinking our place is always second place, and that men's place must always be the first place."

## READS OWN OBITUARY

Lord Methuen Reads Own Obituary and Enjoys Panegyrics of Miss-Informed Scribbles

Field-Marshal Lord Methuen has joined the company of distinguished men who have read their own obituary notices. He has received a South African paper announcing his death and containing a long obituary notice praising his work. Lord Methuen has written to the editor expressing his appreciation of the panegyric, but informing him that he is still alive.

## THE CHANCELLOR'S WIT

Mr. Churchill Has No Misplaced Confidence in Average Taxpayer's Conscience

There is a good story going the rounds concerning a witty remark made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The subject under discussion was the income tax returns, and the methods of the collectors. "After all," objected one of the company, "the majority of taxpayers are honest men—men of probity." "Yes," interjected Mr. Churchill, "so long as you don't rob."

## Stonebuilt Houses At \$25.00 Sold to Glasgow Tenants

TENANTS of stonebuilt houses at Lochfadda Row, Glasgow, have been offered the purchase of their homes at the all-in price of £5, with a perpetual lease at a fixed rate of 11 per cent. The property, which is situated on the banks of the Forth and Clyde Canal, consists of thirty-seven houses. Twenty-eight of these are two-apartment dwellings, while the other nine are one-apartment houses. Rent charged for these houses, which were built some sixty years ago, is £7 14s., including rates and taxes, which are collected as part of the rent. The whole of the purchase money is not asked at the one time, a payment on account of a few shillings and the promise of the balance at convenience having been accepted by the vendors, Messrs. Kelr and Cawdor, Limited.

## BRITAIN TELLS WORLD OF ORIGIN OF WAR

Related Story From Whitehall Lets Britain Tell World of Origin of War

"Origins of the Late War," published early in December by H.M. Stationery Office, is a collection of official documents which lift the curtain on such of the events immediately preceding August 4, 1914. If one thing stands out more clearly than another it is the passionate desire of Sir Edward Grey and the British Government to maintain peace at almost any price, short of national dishonor.

"Berlin Playing With Us" On July 26, when the German Emperor went to Kiel as head of the German navy, Sir A. Nicholson wrote Sir Edward Grey that there was but poor chance of avoiding a conflict and that "Berlin was playing with us."

On July 27 Sir Maurice de Bunsen cabled from Vienna the belief that "Austria-Hungary is fully determined to go to war with Serbia," and that her ultimatum was "drawn up so as to make war inevitable."

Two days later Sir Edward Grey directed the Ambassador to inform the German Chancellor "that his proposal that we should bind ourselves to neutrality on such terms cannot for a moment be entertained."

He added: "To make this bargain with Germany at the expense of France would be a disgrace from which the good name of this country would never recover."

Right up to July 31 Sir Edward Grey was seeking to induce both France and Germany to respect the neutrality of Belgium.

## WAR HELD UP BY BRITISH DELEGATION

Counting Chinese Armies "Stand Easy" While Indemnity Committee Crosses "No Man's Land"

How a war was stopped for a few hours for the benefit of British delegates is disclosed in the report issued in London recently of the China Indemnity Advisory Committee. In connection with the accumulated fund paid to the British on account of damage done to nationals during the Boxer rising twenty-six years ago, this fund is now being spent for the benefit of the Chinese themselves.

It stated that when the delegates reached a battle zone the fighting generals and admirals stopped the war for a few hours, to enable the delegation to leave for the south.

Of the money paid on account of the Boxer indemnity, the report proposes that the fund should be controlled by a board of trustees, consisting of six Chinese and one British member.

The indemnity fund, with which the report deals, consists of the money paid on account of the indemnity since 1922.

It stated that when the delegation visited China that \$350,000 should be made available at once for the purposes of agricultural education, scientific research, education in medicine and public health, etc.

## SLEEP UNNECESSARY

Doctor Would Eliminate Toxic Poisons From System and Eradicate Somnolence

"God bless the man," exclaimed Sencho Panto, "who invented sleep!" To which doubtless uncounted myriads have responded Amen! But an English scientist, residing in Paris, announces that he has evolved a means of doing without it. Why sleep? he demands, holding that sleep is due to the accumulation in the system of certain toxic products of our waking activities. Those products, it is explained, narcotize the body, until after some hours they are neutralized or excreted. If, he argues, we can devise some means of eliminating this poison, we shall feel no need of sleep.

This scientist believes that he has discovered such an antidote, and he has communicated the fact to the French Academy of Science.

## Miles of New Homes

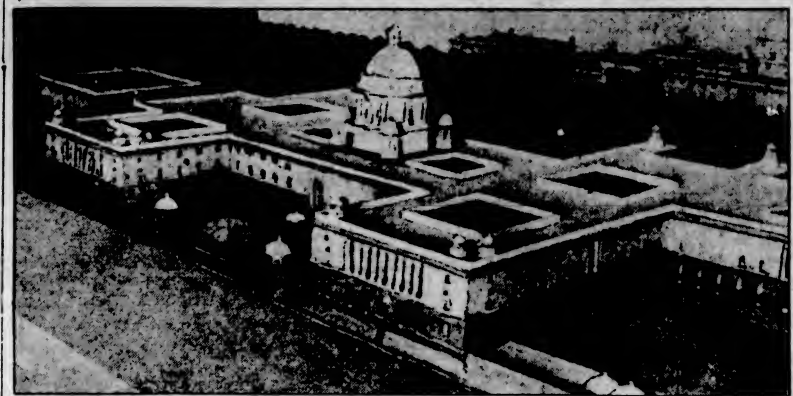
Although Derby Town Council has provided 3,871 houses for their working classes under the various Government schemes, at a cost of \$2,000,000, there is still a great demand for dwellings.

Twenty miles of streets for new houses have been made at a cost of \$11,000 per mile.

## The Man Who Knows

An ex-member of Winston Churchill's staff, who is ill, has entered the workhouse at his own expense because he says he will be better looked after there than elsewhere.

## India's New Capital Nearing Completion



THE VICEROY'S NEW RESIDENCE IN DELHI Delhi's architectural glories, is being added to by the Viceroy's residence. It is grouped around a lofty domed Durbar Hall and has a portico high above the Viceroy's Court with its smooth grass, shady trees and tinkling fountains.

The choice of the site of the new Delhi, the suburb of India lying to the south of the present city, was made only after much debate. Advantages that eventually led to a decision were its immunity from floods and its healthier situation as compared with other localities—localities otherwise preferable because of their historical associations.

The city is arranged symmetrically around Government Centre, with a road system based on two principal avenues at an angle of sixty degrees to each other.

In the midst of Government Centre, the core of the new Delhi, an imposing Government House, worthy of

## ARGENTINE TRIBUTE TO UNKNOWN WARRIOR

South American Patriotic League Carries Out Interesting Ceremony in Westminster Abbey

There was an interesting little ceremony the other day in Westminster Abbey, on behalf of the Argentine Patriotic League. Mrs. Eliza del Campillo laid a bronze wreath on the grave of the Unknown Warrior. After being received by Canon Donaldson, representing the Dean and Chapter, at the north door, the lady went to the tomb, where members of the Argentine Legation and others were gathered, and presented the tribute with these words:

"With deep feelings I lay on the grave of the heroic Unknown Warrior this tribute on behalf of the Argentine Patriotic League, an association which keeps alive in the hearts of the people the highest sentiments of what Homeland means. For over a century the British and Argentine peoples have been linked by the closest ties of friendship to their mutual benefit. In our schools we are taught to admire and respect all that has made great this mighty Empire. We Argentines follow the joys and sorrows of the British people, and when we saw our great losses in the theatre of war we felt grief as our own, and honored the heroic courage of the British soldier."

Canon Donaldson, in accepting the offering, expressed the appreciation of the authorities for these sentiments of friendship towards the British people.

## WHAT TROUBLED HIM

English Novelist Tells of Impromptu Humor of Auditor of Hyde Park Orator

For genuine impromptu humor, Mr. T. Burke, the well-known English novelist, thinks the audiences that gather in Hyde Park on Sundays to listen to the open-air speakers are the best. He tells the following story: I was listening recently—said Mr. Burke—to an orator who was declaiming in French, and I noticed that the audience were the outstanding dangers to society today. "What we want to do," he shouted, "is to get rid of Bolshevism, syndicalism, anarchism and atheism." "True!" agreed a weather-beaten, bent old fellow. "True for you, sir! And while you are about it you might as well throw in rheumatism."

## GROW DOUGLAS PINE

British Columbia Trees Feature Miniature Empire Forest Near Oxford

In the heart of Bagley Wood, near Oxford, an Empire forest in miniature is growing. It belongs to the Imperial Forestry Institute of the University of Oxford. Scores of different types of trees are thriving there, one of the most interesting being the Douglas pine, which is found on the Canadian Rockies and in other places. "If we can get it to grow to its height of 250 feet over here we shall have trees twice as high as our present highest," said an official. "But we should have to wait many, many years for such a result."

## "THE LOST CHORD"

Neglected State of Anthrope's Grave to Be Remedied Through Fund Just Started

The many thousands of people who have been thrilled by the words no less than by the music of "The Lost Chord" may be interested to know that the grave of Adelaide Anne Procter, who wrote them, is in such a neglected state that a fund has been started to repair it and furnish a small endowment. Among the subscribers are Dame Clara Butt, Mr. H. Sullivan (a relative of the composer) and Mr. Sterling Mackenzie, for whose mother the song was written.

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## Ex-Servicemen Employees

Of the total male staff of 224,751 in Government offices in the 1914 Country on October 1 last, 142,526 were ex-servicemen, 114,751 being on the permanent staff and 28,825 "temporaries." Of the ex-servicemen 43,549 were classified as disabled.

## Monster Christmas Cake Takes 5,000 Eggs And Weighs 4,000 lbs.

WHAT is the biggest cake in the world? Nowadays pastrycooks and confectioners sometimes make large cakes and place them in the windows for advertising purposes. Many, no doubt, have seen those tempting wedding cakes, tier upon tier of snowy white sugar, on show in shop windows. Alas! Too often they are merely plaster of Paris. Some time ago—the Christmas of 1869, to be exact—the good people of Fulham, London, were greeted with a wonderful sight when they passed a certain big shop in that neighborhood. This was a cake so enormous that it towered up to the ceiling, and so luscious that it made the mouth water to look at it. In making it, so the cooks declared, this recipe was followed: 400 lbs. of butter, 400 lbs. of flour, 400 lbs. of sugar, 500 lbs. of currants, 450 lbs. of raisins, 300 lbs. of candied peel, 200 lbs. of almonds, 5,000 eggs, 600 lbs. of icing sugar. The result was a monster cake weighing over 4,000 lbs.

## BRITISH RULER SEES ROMANCE IN SUDAN

New Governor-General Takes Office With Keen Appreciation of Country's Possibilities

Sir John Maffey, Governor-General of the Sudan, was the guest at luncheon of the Royal Colonial Institute at the Hotel Victoria. Lord Stanley of Alderley, who presided, said the appointment of Sir John Maffey, made by the King of Egypt on the recommendation of King George, had given enormous pleasure to those in a position to judge the value of his great services in India. He asked them to drink to "Young Cincinnatus recalled to the plough."

## Romance of the Sudan

Sir John Maffey said he was about to take part in a new chapter of the romance of the Sudan, a chapter of development and reconstruction. It would reveal a sympathetic endeavor to maintain all that was best in native institutions and to promote native growth.

In the field of education the work was being carried on with discretion. Reading, writing and arithmetic were not forced upon the people, and greater attention was devoted to vocational training.

The vast irrigation schemes were being directed in such a manner that neither exploitation nor expropriation occurred. The owner remained and received a generously apportioned share of the profits. By that means they would raise the standard of life. The British Treasury had guaranteed eighteen millions upon loan to the Sudan for this work, and the manner in which the money had been forthcoming indicated that the City of London had not lost its enterprise in parts where British industries could be encouraged.

In going out to the Sudan he recognized that he was about to take part in a very heavy programme, but he recognized what was well known, that this country was nowhere better served.

## MAGISTRATES' ERROR SUBJECT OF APPEAL

Uxbridge Judges Give Twelve-Year-Old Lad Five Years in Reformatory for Stealing Apples

Reference was made at Uxbridge Police Court to the case of Percy Lawer, the twelve-year-old Northwood boy who had been sent to the reformatory for five years on charges of theft from an orchard. Alderman de Salis, the chairman, said the only reason the magistrates who heard the case took the course they did was the interests of the boy. It was not done with a view to punishing him, but with a view to giving him a better chance in life. "From information we have since received," continued the chairman, "and after making inquiries, we find that perhaps it was a mistake, and we are communicating with the Home Secretary, with a view to the period of detention being reconsidered."

Mrs. F. M. Baker, the woman magistrate who presided at the Children's Court at which the boy was convicted, corroborated the chairman's statement.

## London's Oldest Inhabitant

Mrs. Sarah Barber, who was said to have been London's oldest inhabitant, has died in Bloomsbury at the age of 104. Her husband died fifty years ago, and she had no relative alive. She lived alone in her small room, which is at the top of the five-story building, for over twenty years. A friend stated that until last March Mrs. Barber did all her own housework.

## Snuff Taking Revives

Snuff-taking is again becoming more common in England. This fashionable indulgence of the Victorian era, which had so far passed under the cloud as to be thought to be totally extinct, is reviving, although in secret. The few remaining manufacturers of snuff are at a loss to explain the sudden growth in the demand for their product.

## India Chamber of Princes

The Maharajah of Patiala has been re-elected Chancellor of the Indian Chamber of Princes. The standing committee of the Chamber for next year will consist of the Maharajah of Patiala, Nizam, Alwar, Dholpur and Kashmir, the Nawab of Dholpur and the Chief of Bangli.

## IMMUNIZING CANCER SERUM

Britain's Famous Investigators Approach Development of Preventive Agency Against Malignancy

### DR. GYE AND MR. BARNARD PREDICT MORE SUCCESS

Experiments on Animals Said to Indicate Germ Isolation—Complexity of Problem Stressed by Writer

A HINT that an immunizing serum for cancer may be developed by Dr. W. E. Gye and J. E. Barnard, the English scientists whose work attracted world-wide attention last year, was given in a London newspaper a few weeks ago. Reading this investigation, particularly in America, have tended to cast doubt on the results achieved by Dr. Gye with the aid of super-microscopes which Mr. Barnard invented, the paper says. "Dr. Gye has in preparation further papers which will shortly appear and which will carry the work yet further and demonstrate the slowness and complexity of the problem."

Cancer Causes An organism causes cancer, but only when it is in alliance with a chemical agent, which may differ not only according to species but even more fundamentally. Nevertheless, immunity may ultimately be won by the isolation of these two factors, and some recent experiments of Dr. Gye's on animals seem to indicate this possibility.

Mr. Barnard, who owns a fashionably modern hat shop, became interested in the microscope as a hobby, and more than a year ago perfected a machine through which the cancer organisms might be seen. Dr. Gye, who began life as a railroad porter, has become one of the leading British authorities on the disease.

## PRINCE PROFITS BY BIG BOOM IN TIN

His Royal Highness May Cause Mines on Cornwall Estate to Be Reopened

The Prince of Wales is likely to be one of the fortunate beneficiaries from the great tin gamble. Some of the mines on his estates in Cornwall are likely to be re-opened in consequence of the world's demand for tin at this price. In fact, so tempting are the rewards that adventurers in Cornwall, with tin at over \$1,500 per ton, are prospecting for likely spots for "tin-streaming."

## Black-Combers Use Rakes

At one place, known as Porthcra Beach, appears of black tin particles strewn in ridges in the sands after each tide. These are raked off as the tide recedes, and raked by means of an aerial basket to the workings in the valley above where the tin miners will mine and "buddle" the sands on approved principles and send the product to the smelters.

Although the British Empire, on account of the great mines in the Malay States and other tin-bearing countries controls nearly sixty per cent of the world's output, and is still to the United States and the rest of the world at practically any price, the home manufacturer is suffering just as much from the three hundred per cent rise in value as the foreign consumer, which explains the attempt to get at any tin left in Britain, even though the working had previously been regarded as unprofitable.

## LAW AND THE VATICAN

Church Decree No Protection Against Bigamy Charge Says The Law Times

Annulments of marriages by the Vatican are dealt with in the current issue of The Law Times. A decree of nullity by a civil court, it is pointed out, is recognized by the courts of all civilized states, but an ecclesiastical annulment in itself has no force in law. "We fear on this country is concerned," it is added, "if it (the ecclesiastical decree) were solely relied on for the purpose of contracting a second marriage, the offence of bigamy would be committed."

## DANCE AND BE FIT

London Hospital Hold Special Dancing Courses for Benefit of Certain Complaints

"And that many of my elderly patients are taking up the less strenuous forms of dancing to cure stiffness and gully forms of rheumatism," said a Harley Street doctor recently. Both at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and the Victoria Hospital for Children, special dancing courses are given to children of slight deformities due to curvature of the spine. "In the absence of open-air exercise," said the doctor, "dancing unduly helps us to keep fit. It stimulates the liver, helps towards proper breathing, circulates the blood, and prevents the joints from becoming stiff."

## Palestine Administration

Mr. J. E. F. Campbell, O.B.E., has been appointed District Commissioner of the Southern District of Palestine, which no longer includes Jerusalem as it did when Sir Ronald Storrs held the post. Jerusalem and Ramallah have been formed into a separate administrative unit under Major H. Keith-Thomas as Deputy District Commissioner. His place will be filled by an Assistant District Commissioner of the Northern District, being taken by Mr. G. MacLaren, O.B.E., now new District Officer at Nabulus.





# A Truce With the Years

By Margaret E. Sangster



ALL alone, in the big drawing-room with its dancing fire and draperies of shaded rose, stood Aline Kemball. With her hands clasped tight together, over her heart. With her face—which, for all its halo of fluffy, greying hair, was a child's face—curiously drawn and saddened. With a mist of unshed tears in her wide blue eyes. The Christmas tree stood before her. An untrimmed tree, still, but the straightest, tallest, bravest tree that her florist had been able to offer.

"I want a big one," Aline had told him, a shade breathlessly. And then—as she sensed his pitying glance at her black gown—"A very big tree. I am expecting guests for the holiday." And she had walked away, with her head high in the air. And she could not hear the florist speak to another customer. So that she could not hear him say: "Poor Mrs. Kemball! Lost her husband and her son. At the same time. No—not an accident. The flu; nearly a year ago. Yes, she's the artist's wife. She's got a little kid things that are so popular. Don't see how she has the heart to do 'em now!"

High above her, on the floor, were piled the boxes. Of Christmas ornaments. Susie, the maid, had laid them out before she mercifully hurried away. Some of the ornaments were old—very old. Some of them were quite new. But they all held hints of other Christmas trees. Untying the boxes, with their contents of tinsel and colored glass balls, Aline Kemball was forced to bite her lips, to keep from screaming.

## The Faithful Servitor

It was much later that Susie came in. Susie had been with Aline Kemball during all of her married life. And during most of her girlhood and little girlhood. It was in Susie's arms that Aline had, years before, sobbed out the tragedy of a broken doll. It was in the same arms, grown even gentler with time, that she had wept over the tragedy of a broken life. Susie understood. She made no remark about the glory of the tree. She did not see—apparently—the trace of tears upon Aline's watery face. Only she asked a question:

"Tomorrow?" she questioned. "Dinner? You said there would be company?"

Aline Kemball sat down suddenly before the fire. It was a fading fire, now; but it still danced.

"Yes," she said slowly, "yes, Susie. There'll be company. Two extra. Besides me. Three of us, Susie."

For the shade of a second Susie's impassive face quivered. And then she said: "The doctor and his wife?" she questioned.

"Or Mr. and Mrs.——?"

All at once Aline Kemball was laughing. A wistful bit of a laugh.

"No, Susie," she said, in answer. "Christmas isn't a grown-up day! Christmas is a day for children. And so our guests will be—children! Tomorrow-morning, Susie," her voice was almost gay, "tomorrow morning, I'll travel over to the Settlement House. The brownstone one where Mr. Kemball and I used to help, sometimes—? She choked, tried, stolidly, to go on—"that Settlement House has a day nursery, you know. So I'm going there, and I'm going to borrow two kiddies. Whose mothers will be away from them on Christmas. And I'll bring them back with me to have presents. And to eat turkey. And to dance about the tree. Isn't her voice caught, sharply—by that a fine idea?"

Susie nodded. Gravely. "A splendid idea, Miss Aline," she said, and walked soberly from the room.

## A Joyous Thing

And yet, the next morning, when they viewed the tree, both mistress and maid agreed that it was a joyous thing. That it might have passed for the spirit of all Christmas trees. They crept, early, into the drawing-room to behold anew the wonder of it, and to set, at its foot, the gifts that they had selected. Boy gifts. And girl gifts. A drum, a bag of marbles, roller skates. A top and a mechanical train. A doll, a wee sewing basket. A wide, pink hair ribbon. Boy gifts and girl gifts!

"What," Aline Kemball said, as she laid the tokens in place, "for we're going to have a boy guest, Susie—and a girl guest. Brother and sister, if possible. And, if it's not possible—? she sighed, so many things in life were not possible—"any two kiddies that I can get! Susie," she glanced hastily at her wrist-watch, "I must be starting—"

Susie's voice was stern. She might have been speaking to an erring child.

"Not without your breakfast," she said, "it's seven. What are you thinking of, gallivanting over to the East Side—it's probably full of germs over there—on an empty stomach!"

And so Aline Kemball ate her breakfast. Sitting alone at the cory gale-legged table. Trying to see only the yellow aprigged china and the dainty food. Trying not to remember the two faces that had once smiled at her from opposite sides of that same table. Trying to forget other Christmas breakfasts. Breakfasts made keen with excitement, because of the waiting tree!

She started for the Settlement House before eight. Her greying hair crushed into place beneath a wee fur toque. Her slim body wrapped in matching furs. Her cheeks glowing in the chill air. But the shadow of soul-poverty in her blue eyes.

## The Settlement House

Aline Kemball had known the Settlement House in the old days. She and Gerald together had painted the frieze for the nursery rooms. They had managed a booth at an up-town bazaar given for its benefit. They had sent, each holiday, a generous check to the superintendent—to be used as it was most needed.

Passing through the hall to the superintendent's office, Aline Kemball was aware of the quiet of the place. Due, no doubt, to the early hour. She saw, through a mist, the holly wreaths and scarlet ribbons. And then, she was in the small reception room, in front of the superintendent's office. And a bright-faced girl was asking her to wait until the superintendent was free.

She was not the first caller. Aline realized that as she seated herself upon one of the long benches that the room boasted. There was a part of the tiny drama. Almost without meaning to she had shared herself again, close beside the crying old woman. And her hand was touching the small fingers in their mended cotton gloves.

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From far down the hall came the sound of voices—happy voices. But in the small reception-room only a holly-wreathed clock, busily ticking, made any sound. Aline Kemball felt each tick of the clock, acutely. Each tick like a separate stab of pain.

And the clock ticked on. A half-hour. Three-quarters of an hour. Aline followed the movement of its hands until they tortured her. Then she turned nervously from the sight of the cheerful, holly-wreathed face of it. Turned, and saw that the old couple, motionless, silent, were still upon the bench beside her. With withered hand clasped in hand.

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Unsought sympathy. Aline Kemball said nothing for a moment. Her mind searched, blindly for some word of comfort. But, through it all, her hand kept patting the little old woman's arm, her shoulder. At last she spoke.

"My dear," she said, "some Homes are very pretty. And it will be much easier to live that way than to keep house. Perhaps you'll like it—very much."

Over his wife's bent head the old man addressed Aline. He was losing the soldier look.

"It isn't that we couldn't stand a Home,"

The superintendent nodded sympathetically. And her hand stretched out, across her desk, to the woman in black. But when she spoke, her tone was regretful.

"But—" she said, "I'm afraid—afraid—" She hesitated—"Ordinarily there would be so many children who would give their little souls to spend a day in your home, Mrs. Kemball! But just now, well, some of the mothers are home from work—it being a special occasion! And there are other women—and men, too, Mrs. Kemball, who feel as you do. Lonely. And they called up yesterday and asked for children. And so, today—today the nursery is quite empty. The last child—Conchita, a little Italian—went out just as you came in. Perhaps you passed her."

Tearful Wide Blue Eyes. Aline Kemball nodded. While the tears stood in her wide blue eyes. She remembered the fur-swathed woman who had led the little girl away. If she had only been a shade earlier.

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# The Blossoming Rod

## A Christmas Story

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MR. LANGSHAW had vaguely felt unusual preparations for a Christmas gift to him this year; he was always being asked for "change" to pay the children for services rendered.

It might have seemed a pity, that calculations as to dollars and cents entered so much into the Christmas festivities of the family, if it were not that it entered so largely into the scheme of living that it was naturally interwoven with every dearest hope and fancy; the overcoming of its limitations gave a zest to life. Langshaw himself, to look at the display made by the sporting goods shop on his way home the Friday afternoon before Christmas Monday, wondered, as his hand touched the ten-dollar bill in his pocket—a debt unexpectedly paid him that day—if the time had actually arrived at last when he might become the possessor of the trout-rod that stood in the corner of the window; reduced, as the ticket proclaimed, from fifteen dollars to ten.

The inspiration was the more welcome because the moment before his mind had been idly yet disquietingly filled with the shortcoming of George, his eldest child, and only son, aged ten, who didn't seem to show that sense of responsibility which his position and advanced years called for—even evading his duties to his fond mother when he should be constituting himself her protector. He was worried as to the way George would turn out when he grew up.

This particular trout-rod, however, had an attraction for Langshaw of long standing. He had examined it carefully more than once when in the shop with his neighbor, Wicksham; it wasn't a fifty-dollar rod, of course, but it seemed in some ways as good as if it were—it was expensive enough for him. He had spoken of it once to his wife, with a craving for her usual sympathy, only to meet with a surprise that seemed carelessly disapproving.

"Oh! Reason Not the Need?"

"Why, you have that old one of your father's and the bass-rod already; I can't see why you should want another. You always say you can't get off to go fishing as it is."

He couldn't explain that to have this particular split bamboo would be almost as good as going on a fishing trip; with it in his hand he could feel himself between green meadows, the line swirling down the rushing brook. But later Clytie had gone back to the subject with pondering consideration.

"Ten dollars seems an awful price for a rod! I'm sure I could get a better thing for much less up town; wouldn't you like me to see about it some day?"

"Great Scott! Never think of such a thing!" he had replied in horror. "I could get much cheaper ones myself! If I ever have the money I'll do the buying—you hear?"

"Hello, Langshaw! Looking at that rod again? Why don't you blow yourself to a Christmas present? Haven't you got the nerve?"

"That's what I don't know!" called Langshaw with a wave of the hand as Wicksham passed by. Yet, even as he spoke he felt he did know—his mind was joyously, adventurously made up to have "the nerve"; he had a right, for once in the twelve years of his married life, to buy himself a Christmas present that he really wanted, in distinction to the gift that family affection prompted, and held dear as such, but which had no relation to his needs or desires.

Others Provided For

Children and friends were provided for; his wife's winter suit—a present by her transforming imagination—already in the house; the Christmas turkey for the janitor of the children's school subscribed to—sometimes he had wished himself the janitor—and the small demands that drain the purse at the festive season carefully counted up and allowed for. There was no lien on this unexpected sum just received. The reel and the line, and the flies and such, would have to wait until another time, to be sure; but no one could realize what it would be to him to come home and find that blessed rod there. He had a wild impulse to go in and buy it that moment, but such haste seemed too slighting to the dignity of that occasion, which should allow the sweets of anticipation—though no one knew better than he the danger of delay where money was concerned; it melted like snow in the pocket. Extra funds always seemed to bring an extra demand.

The last time there was ten dollars to spare there had been a letter from Langshaw's mother, saying that his sister Ella, whose husband was unfortunately out of a position, had developed flat-foot; and a pair of suitable shoes, costing nine-fifty, had been prescribed by the physician. Was it possible for her dear boy to send the money? Ella was so depressed.

The ten dollars had, of course, gone to Ella. Both Langshaw and his wife had an unsympathetic feeling that if they developed flat-foot now they would have to go without appropriate shoes.

"Something Nice"

"You look quite gay!" said his wife as she greeted him on his return, her pretty oval face, with its large dark eyes and dark curly locks, held up to be kissed. "Has everything nice happened?"

"You look gay, too!" he evaded laughingly, as his arm lingered round her. Clytie was always a satisfactory person for a wife. "What's this pink stuff on your hair—popcorn?"

"Oh, goodness! Baby has been so bad, she has been throwing it round everywhere," she answered, running ahead of him upstairs to a room that presented a scene of brilliant disorder.

"Yuletide Amities"

On the bed was a large box of tinseled Christmas-tree decorations and another of pink-and-white popcorn—the flotsam and jetsam of which strewn the counterpane and the floor to its farthest corners, mingled with scraps of glittering paper, an acreage of which surrounded a table in the centre of the room that was adorned with mulligan pot and scissors. A large feathered hat, a blue silk dress, and a flowered skirt were on the rug, near which a very plump child of three, with straggling hair, was trying to get a piece of gift paper off her shoe. She looked up with roguish blue eyes to see rapidly.

"Fardie doesn't know what baby goes to give 'im for Xmas!"

"Hello! This looks like the real thing," said Langshaw, stepping over the debris;

"but what are all these clothes on the floor for?"

"Oh, Mary was dressing up and just dropped those things when she went to the village with Vinny, though I called her twice to come back and pick them up," said the mother, sweeping the garments out of the way. "It's so tiresome of her! Oh, I know you stand up for everything Mary does, Joe Langshaw; but she is the hardest child to manage!"

Her tone insensibly conveyed a pride in the difficulty of dealing with her elder daughter, aged six.

"But did you ever see anything like Baby?" She kept a secret as well as anyone! It does look Christmasy, though doesn't it? Of course all the work of the tree at the mission comes on as usual. The children, with the two Wickshams girls, were helping me until they got tired. Why don't you come and kiss father, Baby? She is going to sweep up the floor with her little broom so that father will give her five cents."

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"She shall get her little broom and Fardie will help her," said Langshaw, catching the child up in his arms and holding the round little form closely to him before putting her carefully down on her stubby feet.

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"I wonder what on earth has happened now!" exclaimed the mother, rushing from the room, to return the next instant, pulling after her a red-cloaked and red-hatted little girl who sought to hide behind her.

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"We'll go down just as soon as I get Baby in bed," said the mother peacefully. "I don't see why George isn't here. Goodness! There he is now," she added as a tremendous slam of the front door announced the fact. The next moment a small boy, roguishly blue-eyed and yellow-haired like Baby, with an extremely dirty face and a grey sweater half covered with mud, huddled himself into the room, surreptitiously tucking one of Baby's bare feet and pulling Mary's curls on his way to greet his father.

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"As to Christmas," said Yvonne, "I've given to everybody I know and dozens that I don't know. I'll give some more, if you like. But don't ask me to go to a Christmas tree."

"Oh, come on," said Billo. "Rationalize on that," said Yvonne, to prove that she knew the word.

"Because," Billo explained, "I love you, and a Christmas tree is not a Christmas tree without you."

"Isn't he foolish Cyril?" Yvonne demanded, chin raised, hands clasped. Cyril smirked on and said: "He's hopeless, that bird. I'm with you on the tree, Yvonne. They're as boring as family dinners."

"You must remember," said Billo, "that you're modern and I'm a regular. I love 'em. They make me feel—"

"They make me feel like Christmas," he completed.

There was nothing of Christmas in the room where they sat—in the sun-room of the apartment of Yvonne's aunt, Miss Caroline Claude. The floor, tiled in green, was cut by the little fountain, and tropical plants and blooming boxes made Summer for the eye, as the mosaic-topped radiators made it for the air. A blue macaw sat on an enameled perch, and on a tray of lacquer, chosen at the moment, a tiny marmoset nibbled and made faces.

"I'd rather stay here," said Yvonne, "and talk to you, Cyril. Billo, of course, will go to the Oxford to see the tree."

"I guess I'll call for you," said Billo, "and see if—made desperate by the prospect of an evening with Cyril—you won't come along."

"Nothing moves me from this place to-night," said Yvonne.

The two glass doors opened, and Elsa appeared. Elsa was eighteen and wore blue cheek and a white apron and carried a broom. She was Yvonne's aunt's maid and ruled Yvonne, five years her senior, with a pretty authority.

"Will you all please go somewhere else, Miss Yvonne?" said Elsa. "I want to sweep here. And a man is going to wash the windows."

"Elsa," said Billo, "I'll bet you're going to a Christmas tree tonight."

"Oh, yes, sir," said Elsa, "a grand one, at my cousin's new house."

"Whole family going to be there?" Billo inquired.

"Oh, yes, sir—uncles and aunts and all kinds of cousins," said Elsa.

"Now, see!" said Billo to Yvonne, as he followed her to the dining-room. "Have some Christmas spirit, woman!"

Yvonne sat in a blue velvet chaise longue and held forth. She felt that any one wishing to hold forth must have, at the least, a blue velvet background.

"Christmas," she said, "is on my calendar for other people—but I won't pretend any more. I've pretended for years. I've rejoiced over gifts of books that I'd already read and even owned; over handkerchiefs I didn't need, and over in shades I hated, and doodles I didn't want in the house. Now I'm done. I've told all my friends. All I'm doing this year is to send stuff to the charity Christmas. I will not pretend any longer. And I won't go to trees. I'm done with Christmas trees. I'm off Christmas for keeps."

"Me too," said Cyril. "I've said to my whole family. 'I don't want a tree and all that rot, count me out.' I'm no bambino, and I'm no greedy grown-up either."

"Anyway," said Yvonne, "Aunt Caroline is doing Christmas for the race. She's crazy with Christmas. I'm not needed."

"How are you going to put in the day," inquired Billo, "while we common folks gorge ourselves with sugar-plums?"

"I'd thought of that," said Cyril. "How would it be if you married me on Christmas Day, Yvonne—to pass the time?"

"As well," said Yvonne, without looking at him, "on Christmas as any other time."

"Meaning?"

"I don't care much for the day for any purpose."

"Then," cried Billo, with an air of joyous surprise, "marry me on one of the other days. There are so many!"

Yvonne listened intently. "Do you hear anything peculiar overhead?" she inquired. "In my aunt's room?"

The strange sounds went on—tap, shove, tap, shove, and a scrape.

"Like a new dance," said Cyril judicially. They toiled up the graceful stair of the duplex apartment. Their laughter was cut by an ineffectual and shrill scream. The door of Miss Caroline Claude's room came open, and Elsa stood there.

"Oh, Miss Yvonne," she cried, "come quick. She's tied to the Morris chair."

She stressed "Morris" as if, as Billo said later, a Morris chair were the very worst kind of tie to be tied to.

"It was a strange interior presented by Miss Caroline Claude's pretty lavender room—drawers upside down on the floor, boxes upside down on the bed, and Miss Caroline Claude herself bolt upright in her Morris chair, to which her waist and her wrists were securely tied. The telephone was ringing, with that air of weary violence assumed by the telephone which has been ringing for some time quite against its will."

"Answer that telephone, please," said Miss Caroline Claude, "and if they say they can't have the set marked by tonight tell them they'll have to wait."

"But, Aunt Caroline—" cried Yvonne. "Please do as I ask you," said Miss Claude crossly. "There—I knew it! Tell them—that's it. Tell them. . . . Oh, they say they will do it, don't they? That's much better."

"Shall I—shall I untie you, Miss Claude?" inquired Cyril Burch.

Miss Claude appealed to Billo. "What do you think?" she wanted to know, with the grin which they all loved, from one corner of her mouth.

"Don't be an idiot, Cyril," Billo supplied. "Got a knife? No? Well, take those embroidery scissors and loosen up her other hand."

"But, Aunt Caroline," cried Yvonne. "Who did it? Who—?"

"That was Blucher, wasn't it, on the telephone?" asked Miss Caroline. "Elsa—is anything the matter?"

Elsa was sobbing. "I thought I heard something," she related, "and I came in that door."

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"Yvonne," said her aunt, "could you go down this morning and buy two presents for me that I've overlooked?"

Billo took a firm stand. "Miss Claude," he began, with character, "I don't want to interrupt you, but may I call your attention to the fact that you've been robbed?"

"What? Oh, he didn't get anything," Miss Claude assured him. "At least, only that teakwood case—he made off with that. But I didn't have anything in it but some beads, and beads don't become me. And I never did like teakwood."

"But are you sure, darling," cried Yvonne, "that he didn't get anything else?"

"Quite sure," Miss Claude assured her. "I watched him the whole time. He wasn't

said Cyril softly.

"Thanks, old man," said Billo.

It was the same way when it came to kinomons.

"A kinomo," said Yvonne. "Now, everybody on earth has twins when it comes to kinomons. Aunt Caroline leaves the color to me—oh, there aren't enough colors—and look at this crowd—crazy, absolutely crazy, every one of them. Isn't Christmas shopping enough to create hydrophobia? Oh, Billo! Look at this kinomo. Look at it, Cyril! Did you ever see anything that you thought was so lovely? It's like clouds in the moonlight with some of the sunset left over—this is how I sound when I'm maudlin. Oh, this is the one—and bless the

man's hand was a high, ugly teakwood case."

"Here he is," cried Elsa. "Tie 'im to a chair, like he done Miss Claude."

"There's no Morris chair in the dining-room," Billo heard himself saying.

"Who is this man?" inquired Cyril, as one who insists on the pedigree of one's burglars.

"He's the window-washer," Elsa introduced him without formality.

"Meet the window-washer," Billo muttered.

"I'll call Aunt Caroline," said Yvonne. "Don't interrupt her again," Billo pleaded. "Two burglars in one day—that is, one burglar twice in one day—well, you get the

idea."

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# One Dark Night on the Caribou Barrens

By S. H. HOWARD  
Illustration by FERGUS KYLE

GRAY afternoon faded into drizzle evening.  
I had a good log fire going of green birch and dry spruce. To kill time that day I had recaptured the tent with fresh brush, piled up about a foot thick. Over this soft sweet mattress lay the tarpaulin and the four thick-nesses of cheerful red blankets. The warmth of the fire reflected down-wards from the slopes of the canvas roof.

Lying in the glow of the warm red blankets with my head on a dunnage-bag I gazed out on the dreary land-scape beyond the fire and felt happy enough that I was safe and dry in camp, and not out on the wet muskeg. A caribou stew was simmering on the gin pole and I got up presently to give it a stir. It was growing darker by the minute, with a sprinkle of fine rain. The boys should be in soon, surely.

We were camped at the south-east curve of a long, narrow lake that stretched away to the north. A narrow belt of thickest spruce and balsam and birch crowded the slope of the shores where drainage was just sufficient to permit of timber growth. Beyond spread the characteristic wet prairie of interior Newfoundland—a muskeg of caribou moss broken by a million pools and ponds and little lakes with occa-sional clumps of trees working slight elevations of dry ground. "Drakes" they call them in Newfoundland. They look like islands in a green sea.

There were three of us, with two Newfoundlanders as guides—a father and son. They took two of us away on the bog every morning, leaving the third, by turns, to keep camp and cook supper.

Autumn had set in rough, with gales and cold rain, the kind of weather that brings the migrating caribou herds down from the north. Caribou was our objective so we couldn't kick at the weather. The Newfoundland stag grows the finest and most decoratively beautiful antlers of all the deer tribe, in my opinion, with a height and spread equal to that of the elk. Deeply did we desire a prime Newfoundland stag.

George and young Ralph came in presently. The only dry parts of them were their feet. Their feet were en-cased in waterproof sealskin moccasins, the characteristic native footwear which Newfoundlanders borrowed from the Eskimos. They reach to the knees and they fit the foot like a glove, albeit rather baggy around the ankle.

The dark side was evidently upper-most tonight.  
"Sam and the old man not back yet, eh?"

George emptied the shells from his rifle and laid it carefully inside the tent. "Not yet. Time they were, though, if you ask me."

"I'll say so," agreed George. Gee, I'm tired. We've been musing in the muskeg all day. Never saw the sign of a stag. Dozen or more does, but never a pair of horns."

"They had better be in off the bog pretty soon," said Ralph. "It's setting in for a black fog, so it is."

The two changed into dry clothing while I made up the fire.

"Have they got anything to eat with them?" asked George suddenly.

"They took a good snack away with them for noon but they ate it all up at dinner, most like," replied Ralph.

"Sam always carries some hard chocolate," I recalled.

"That's so," confirmed George re-lieving. He moved aside restlessly. There was something on his mind.

"Say, boys," he broke out at last; "how about a little something to eat for ourselves, eh?"

I got out the plates and cups and the other tools and grouped them in the centre of the red blanket. Ralph lit a candle and set it on a tin plate. We gathered around a steaming pot of caribou meat stewed with potatoes and onions like Eskimos in an igloo.

"Well," said George, "this looks better'n out there on the bog, eh, Ralph?"

We silently considered the point not finding much room for contradiction.

"Did you ever get sucked in the bog yourself, Ralph?" I asked him.

"I never did," answered the young Newfoundland, soberly. "And I never want to not in some of them places. Just quivering moss with no bottom underneath. Soft, black muck, down, down, down. You would stick a ten-foot pole down and never touch anything solid. And yet a caribou can walk across a place like that where a man would sink out of sight."

Ralph helped himself to a cup of gravy from the pail on the floor and sipped it like tea, his chin between his up-bent knees.

"It's enough to put the fear of bad in you to see a man's hat lying on the top of a place like that," he continued presently.

Ralph was a hardy, weather-beaten young Newfoundland, born and bred on the sea coast, part fisherman, part hunter and trapper. He regarded nature with a reverence bordering on superstition. The sea, the bush, the dark sky were more than merely mysterious and wonderful. To him, as



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we sensed often from his conversation they were ominous, threatening. And yet despite this background of sub-conscious fear, he went about his work on land and sea unflinchingly, grave when he thought of mysterious danger, lighthearted when his mind dwelt upon his active concerns.

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## Getting Anxious

"A man in Alexander Bay," said Ralph in grave narration, "went to the caribou grounds to kill meat. My uncle he was. There was a little snow on the ground, but no frost yet, hardly. His dogs came home with the sled but he didn't come home with the dogs. We went back on the track next day to look for him. We came to a soft spot where the dogs had crossed with the sleigh because the weight doesn't press all in one spot with a four-footed animal like a dog or a caribou and the sleigh runners are four inches wide and six feet long and spread the weight. But a man had walked into it as we could see by the tracks in the snow, and his hat lay on the moss where he broke through. That was all we found of him—his hat and his tracks. My uncle he was, my old man's elder brother."

A long silence fell upon us. We gazed into the fire, and above the fire, into the black depths of a sky invisible and devoid of stars.

"Hist," said Ralph suddenly.

From out the blackness to the south-west, very faint but distinct in the soft silence of the misty night, I too, had heard the dull report of a gun.

Another shot followed after an interval in which one might count ten; and then a third. It was a signal.

"They're lost," cried Ralph. "Maybe they're bogged. Get your gun."

## Answering Shots

I hurriedly filled the magazine of my rifle and standing by the fire I pointed it into the sky and fired back two answering shots in quick succession.

We listened, hardly breathing. Pres-ently, faint and far away came a single shot in reply.

"They hear us," said George. It was the code we had agreed upon.

"What can we do now?"

"We'll wait till they fire again. If it sounds any nearer we'll know they're not bogged anyway."

When the signal for which we im-patiently waited did come, however, it came to us from the west. The first signal had been southwest.

"They're lost again," cried Ralph.

"I fired two and we listened for the reply. There was a note of disappoint-ment when finally the answer came."

"They're away over there," said Ralph, pointing west beyond the lake.

"They're off the course about a mile or a mile and a half, maybe."

"What kind of a country is it over there?" asked George, anxiously.

"Well," replied Ralph briefly, "There's places where a caribou won't dare to cross, so there is."

The interval seemed interminable till we heard from them again. This time

the reports sounded considerably closer but they came from the northwest.

Evidently they had missed the lake, passed us, and were bearing north and away from us again.

"There must be something wrong with them," cried Ralph. "They put-ting the lake between us. Shoot."

## Angry Vituperation

I blazed away, the rifle pointed into the air this time. I didn't confine my-self to any code. I emptied the maga-zine "rapid fire" for emphasis. It sounded like an outburst of angry vituperation. This fusillade did the business. The next shots were per-ceptibly nearer, and finally they sounded, clear and unmistakable, from across the lake, about a mile down on the far side.

"It was the lake that fooled them," declared Ralph with conviction. "It sucked the sound out into the open."

He was pulling on his oil-skins as he spoke, and now he lit the camp lantern.

"I'm going round the lake to meet them," said he. "Maybe they'll be glad of a light."

"I knew what Ralph was afraid of. He was afraid there might be only one of them and the other, either Sam or the old man, might be somewhere out in the bog."

"Keep up a good bright fire, boys, eh?" suggested Ralph buttoning his oil-skin jacket. He took his lantern and started around the head of the lake by the caribou runway which followed the line of the shore. For a time we could see the flash of his lantern bob-bing in and out among the trees. Then it disappeared and George and I were alone in Newfoundland.

"Well," said George after an inter-val, "I hope that Ralph doesn't get lost too. That would be a nice one."

I laughed at George's plaintively hu-morous tone, but the night was so black. It did seem as though Ralph and his lantern had been already swal-lowed up.

"Comfortable and Warm"

George minded the fire and followed me into the tent. We stretched our-selves comfortably on the warm, red blankets and smoked our pipes.

"I suppose they'll shoot us a signal when Ralph finds them—if he ever does," said George.

"He'll simply follow around the edge of the lake, till he meets them."

"It seems positively silly to expect to find anybody over there tonight," de-clared George, "with a lantern!"

He uttered the word with scorn.

We lay silent and ruminative for some time. My pipe went out. I didn't relight it.

I suppose I fell asleep, I'm sure George was asleep.

A vivid picture thrust itself into my mind. I could see the old guide mired to his waist in the bog. I could see the worried expression on his wrinkled face. I could see Sam searching the landscape as though for a shrub or some brush to lay on the soft ground for a foothold. There was nothing, nothing but moss.

I saw Sam reach out the muzzle of

his gun to the old man and begin to pull the old man clinging to the barrel with one hand and resting part of his weight on the moss, with the other strove frantically to free himself. The gun went off in the old man's face. With a gasp he relinquished his hold and sank back into the ooze. Slowly it received him, and sucked him down. He disappeared to his hat which re-mained resting on the moss.

I saw Sam stand with his rifle in his hands too shocked and bewildered to move. I saw him raise his gun and fire a shot into the air. And I heard the report!

Came Another Shot  
I sprang to my feet and rushed out-

side. The fire glowed red but the flames had burned down. I listened with my heart in my ears. Again came a shot, this time so near and so plain I knew I was awake.

From the head of the lake now came the sound of voices. I could hear Sam explaining something in a high-pitched tone. And then Ralph's deeper voice, slow, grave, sober. It was several minutes before I caught the glint of their light.

George was awake and out beside me, by now.

## The Cratchits' Christmas Dinner

From The Christmas Carol

THEN up rose Mrs. Cratchit, Cratchit's wife, dressed out but poorly in a twice turned gown, but brave in ribbons, which were cheap and a goodly show for Belinda Cratchit, second of her daughters, and getting the corners of her monstrous shirt collar (Bob's private property, conferred upon her in honor of the day) into his mouth, rejoiced to find himself so gallantly attired, and yearned to show his linen in the fashionable parks. And now two smaller Cratchits, boy and girl, came tearing in, screaming that outside the baker's they had smelt the goose, and known it for their own, and harking in luxurious thoughts of sage and onion, these young Cratchits danced about the table, and exalted Master Peter Cratchit to the skies, while he (not proud, although his collar nearly choked him) blew the fire, until the slow potatoes bubbling up, knocked loudly at the saucepan-lid to be let out and peeled.

"What has ever got your precious father then?" said Mrs. Cratchit. "And your brother, Tiny Tim? And Martha wasn't as late last Christmas Day by half-an-hour?"

"Here's Martha, mother!" said a girl, ap-pearing, she spoke.

"Here's Martha, mother!" cried the two young Cratchits. "Hurrah! There's such a goose, Martha!"

"My bless your heart alive, my dear, how late you are!" said Mrs. Cratchit, kissing her a dozen times, and taking off her shawl and bonnet for her with officious zeal.

"We'd a deal of work to finish up last night," replied the girl, "and had to clear away this morning, mother."

"Well! Never mind so long as you are come, said Mrs. Cratchit. "Sit ye down be-fore the fire, my dear, and have a warm, Lord bless ye!"

"No No! There's father coming," cried the two young Cratchits, who were every-where at once. "Hide, Martha, hide!"

Father and Tiny Tim

So Martha hid herself, and in came little Bob, the father, with at least three feet of comforter, exclusive of the fringe, hanging down before him, and his threadbare clothes darned up and brushed, to look seasonable; and Tiny Tim upon his shoulder. Alas for Tiny Tim, he bore a crutch, and had his limbs supported by an iron frame!

"Why, where's our Martha?" cried Bob Cratchit, looking round.

"Not coming," said Mrs. Cratchit.

"Not coming!" said Bob, with a sudden declension in his high spirits: for he had been Tiny Tim's blood horse all the way from church, and had come home rampant. "Not coming upon Christmas Day?"

Martha didn't like to see him disappointed, if it were only a joke, so she came out pre-

maturely from behind the closet door, and ran into his arms, while the two young Cratchits hustled Tiny Tim, and bore him off into the wash-house, that he might hear the pudding singing in the copper.

"And how did little Tim behave?" asked Mrs. Cratchit, when she had rallied Bob on his credulity, and Bob had hugged his daughter to his heart's content.

"As good as gold," said Bob, "and better. Somehow he gets thoughtful, sitting by himself so much, and thinks the strangest things you ever heard. He told me, coming home, that he hoped the people saw him in the church, because he was a cripple, and it might be pleasant to them to remember upon Christmas Day, who made lame beg-gars walk, and blind men see."

Bob's voice was tremulous when he told them this, and trembled more when he said that Tiny Tim was growing strong and hearty.

His active little crutch was heard upon the floor, and back came Tiny Tim before another word was spoken, escorted by his brother and sister to his stool before the fire, and while Bob, turning up his cuffs—as if, poor fellow, they were capable of being made more shabby—compounded some hot mixture in a jug with gun and lemons, and stirred it round and round and put it on the hob to simmer; Master Peter, and the two ubiquitous young Cratchits went to fetch the goose, with which they soon returned in high procession.

The Rarest of Birds

Such a bustle ensued that you might have thought a goose the rarest of all birds; a feathered phenomenon, to which a black swan was a matter of course—and in truth it was something very like it in that house. Mrs. Cratchit made the gravy (ready be-forehand in a little saucepan) hissing hot; Master Peter mashed the potatoes with in-credible vigor; Miss Belinda sweetened up the apple-sauce; Martha dusted the hot plates; Bob took Tiny Tim beside him in a tiny corner at the table; the two young Cratchits set chairs for everybody, not for- getting themselves, and mounting guard upon their posts, crammed spoons into their mouths, lest they should shriek for goose before their turn came to be helped. At last the dishes were set on, and grace was said. It succeeded by a breathless pause, as Mrs. Cratchit, looking slowly all along the carving-knife, prepared to plunge it in the breast; but when she did, and when the long expected gush of stuffing issued forth, one murmur of delight arose all round the board, and even Tiny Tim, excited by the two young Cratchits, beat on the table with the handle of his knife, and feebly cried "Hurrah!"

There never was such a goose. Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked. Its tenderness and flavor, size and cheapness, were the themes of universal admiration. Eked out by apple sauce and

"They're coming," said he shivering a little in the cold damp air.

"Yes," said I. "Two of them any-way."

"What do you mean, two of them?"

"Sam and Ralph are coming," I said. "I hear their voices."

"What about the old man?"

"We'll know pretty soon," I evaded.

For I hadn't a doubt about the old man. Had I not just now visioned his horrible end?

The lantern light seemed suddenly to grow to life-size. Out of the scatter-ing trees into the open wherein our tent was pitched, stepped a shape half beast, half man, grotesque in the darkness. It moved towards the fire and by its light as though waking at last to reality from a nightmare I recognized the old man.

High on his shoulders he carried the head and antlers of a magnificent caribou stag. Behind came Sam with the prime cause of all the delay—the head of a second stag shot late in the after-noon on the way back to camp.

Ralph brought up the rear with his lantern and Sam's rifle.

Did you fire a shot a while back?" I demanded. "I fired three shots," de-clared Ralph. "We wanted to hear from you when we got to the head of the lake. But you never answered."

I shook old Tom's calloused hand. He didn't know I had just dreamed his horrible death.

"What in the world kept you?" I cried. "I thought you were bogged."

"Caribou," declared the old guide, slipping his arms of his shoulder straps and easing his burden to the ground.

"Tom wouldn't believe my compass," laughed Sam.

"Well," argued the old man, "I've travelled by dead reckoning all my life, at sea and on shore, and this is the first time I was even astray. We were headed north all right but we were travelling on a course about a mile too far westward, and we missed the lake. Then when we did strike it we were on the wrong side and I couldn't under-stand it. It was good to hear that rifle, boys, I'll tell you that."

The pudding's advent

Halloo! A great deal of steam! The pudding was out of the copper. A smell like a washing day! That was the cloth. A smell like an eating-house and a pastry-cook's next door to each other, with a laundress's next door to that! That was the pudding! In half a minute Mrs. Cratchit entered—flushed but smiling proud-ly—with the pudding, like a speckled can-non-ball, so hard and firm, blazing in half a quarter of ignited brandy, and bedight with Christmas holly stuck into the top.

Oh, a wonderful pudding! Bob Cratchit said, and calmly too that he regarded it as the greatest success achieved since their marriage. Mrs. Cratchit said that now the weight was off her mind, she would confess she had her doubts about the quantity of flour. Everybody had something to say about it, but nobody said it was at all a small pudding for a large family. It would have been flat heresy to do so. Any Cratchit would have blushed to hint at such a thing.

At last the dinner was done, the cloth was cleared, the hearth swept, and the fire made up. The compound in the jug being tasted and considered perfect, the apples and the oranges were put upon the table, and a shovelful of chestnuts on the fire. Then all the Cratchit family drew round the hearth, in which a Bob Cratchit called a circle, meaning half a one, and at Bob Cratchit's elbow stood the family dis-play of glass. Two tumblers and a cen-tre cup without a handle.

These held the hot stuff from the jug, however, as well as golden goblets would have done; and Bob served it out with beaming looks, while the chestnuts on the fire sputtered and cracked noisily. Then Bob proposed: "A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us."

Which all the family re-echoed.

"God bless us, every one!" said Tiny Tim, the last of all.

—Charles Dickens.





# A Page For CHILDREN



## A Holly Gnome

THE day before Christmas is usually a very busy day, and it was an especially busy one in the home of the Brownes. Mary was going to have a big party, and she was very busy decorating, and sending Peggy and Peter forth on numerous errands. The twins just loved the bustle and rush of preparing for Christmas. It was such fun to see Mother and Mary stop talking when they came into the room, and hide something quickly before the twins could see it; and it was such fun to run every now and then to the kitchen where delicious goodies were to be found. Christmas Eve was certainly an exciting day.

Just then the door-bell rang, and Peggy being nearest ran to open it. There stood a boy whom Mary had sent to fetch holly and evergreens. He was simply loaded with evergreen wreaths, fir boughs and holly, but Mary stamped her foot in vexation, and exclaimed: "What wretched holly! Why there are no berries on it at all!"

"S-sorry miss," stammered the boy. "But I couldn't get any holly with red berries."

"Oh, dear! I suppose I will have to make the best of it. But it doesn't seem like Christmas without holly with red berries," and Mary went back to her decorating with a sigh.

Peter and Peggy looked at each other gravely. They adored their big sister and liked to see her happy. Peter walked towards the door, and beckoned to Peggy to follow him. Outside the door he exclaimed, "Say, Peggy, let's go and get some holly with red berries. I don't suppose Tim knew where to look for it. We're sure to find it," and Peter looked so determined that Peggy ran for her sweater, and the twins set out in search of the red-berried holly.

They walked down the road a little way then plunged into the woods that adjoined their house. The night before a light snow had fallen, and the trees and shrubs wore silvery mantles. The twins wore bright red sweaters and caps, and as they plodded along, hand in hand, Peter smiled and said, "Why, Peggy, we're the Babes in the Wood."

Peggy, however, was getting worried about the holly. "When will we find the holly Peter?" she asked anxiously. "Don't you think it's 'bout time we found some holly?"

"Shucks," said Peter. "We haven't walked far enough yet. Holly is always far away," he said in an important voice.

"I wish I had asked Santa Claus in my letter to bring Mary some holly with red berries," quavered Peggy. "I don't like being so far from home."

"Never mind, Peggy," her twin replied. "We'll find some holly soon."

They rounded a huge fir tree, and there before them they saw a little winding path, and beside the path stood a little snow-covered post with "To Holly Cottage" in large red letters.

"Holly Cottage!" cried Peter excitedly. "Oh, Peggy, aren't you glad you've come now? We're sure to get some holly there. C'mon." And he started down the path. The winding path was very long, the snow got deeper and deeper, and the fir trees were tall and gloomy. Just when the children were becoming frightened, however, the path wound round into a large clearing, on either side of which were rows and rows of holly trees simply covered with red berries. The twins gasped with delight, and simultaneously rushed over to the holly, and began to pick some of the prickly branches. The twins had brought their pocket-knives, and soon had quite a lot cut. In the excitement of seeing the holly, however, the twins had not noticed a large basket filled with holly with red berries. "A little present from Holly Cottage," he said with a twinkle in his eye.

"Oh, thank you, thank you," cried the twins, who had forgotten about the holly in the joy of seeing Santa Claus.

"Merry Christmas!" they cried as they flew away, and as they soared into the sky they heard the chirps of hundreds of robins around Holly Cottage.

—Kathleen Woodley.

The editor of a certain paper in Iowa put in this illuminating item recently: "Owing to the lack of space and the rush of editing this issue, several births and deaths will be postponed until next week."

"Yes," smiled the gnome. "That is Chippy, a special pet. 'Would you like to come inside?'" he added, and the twins followed him into Holly Cottage. Chippy perched upon Peggy's shoulder.

Inside the cottage it was cosy and warm. A bright fire burned in the hearth, and in a corner of the room stood a brightly decorated Christmas tree. "The birds are going to have a special Christmas treat tomorrow. Santa Claus is going to come here after he has deposited all his presents, and spend the day with me," said the little man.

"What fun!" cried Peter.

Just then a knocking and banging was heard at the door, and in puffed a fat, little old man dressed in red, and he had a long beard. He looked just like his pictures, and Peter and Peggy exclaimed, "Why it's Santa Claus!" The fat little man laughed merrily, "Ho! Ho!" he cried. "I didn't expect to find the twins at Holly Cottage. I thought they'd be busy finding the longest stockings."

"They paid me a surprise visit. Surprise visits are sometimes the pleasantest," the

## "New Adventures of Old Friends"

By Miss Peggy Harvey



OLD KING COLE IS NOT SO MERRY NOW

## A Merry, Merry Christmas!

A Merry Christmas to you all, dear children. You are so busy looking at your presents that you will hardly have time to read the message. This is the best of all the days in the year. Everyone is kind. Your hearts are full of love for mother and father, sister and brother and all the other dear ones who have helped to make you happy this day.

For weeks, many people have been preparing to make Christmas Day a time of lovely surprises and all but the smallest children have had their share in the blessed work. You have been thinking of others and what you could do to please them. If only Christmas morning could last forever. And doesn't it? Ask grandfather. He will tell you, perhaps, about the Christmas mornings when he was a little curly-headed boy, and with brothers and sisters, crept fat in the darkness to find his stockings filled from top to toe with good things.

Grandmother, too, forgets that her hair is white and her step feeble, as, watching the little ones, she remembers her mother's loving words and looks and feels again her father's warm kiss and hears his tender tones. Surely Christmas does not grow old! And then, we think of the Great Love, which is the source of all Christmas giving. We remember the message of the angels: Glory to God in the Highest. On earth, peace, goodwill towards men.

What happy homes ours would be, if each of us went about doing good as He did, who long ago was born a Babe in Bethlehem.

So once again, children dear, big and little, wherever you are, A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Bobby (to father enjoying sea view): "Muvver, sea it isn't safe there, father, and you've either got to come away or let me carry the sandwiches."—The Humorist (London).

## The Fourth Wise Man

A TALL, white-haired man walked slowly along a lane towards Bethlehem.

Every now and then he looked up into the blue sky, and a glad smile of expectation spread over his wrinkled face.

After a while he sat down on the grass by the roadside, and, taking from his loose gown a flask of frankincense, a piece of gold, and a large blood-red ruby, he gazed at them lovingly.

"Oh that I had more," he murmured, "more wealth and beauty to lay at the feet of the beautiful Child! Oh that I could bring Him all the treasures of the earth—all that is lovely and precious! And he sighed a little sadly because his gifts were few.

Then he hid the ruby and the gold with him in his gown, put the frankincense carefully in his pocket, and set off again towards the little town.

As he drew nearer the hum of voices could be heard, and when he stepped into the dusty main road he was joined by other travelers making for Bethlehem.

The old man walked forward, saying little. On his face was a smile of great joy, for his heart was full of loving thoughts of the Child at whose feet he was going to kneel.

Little children ran by his side and touched his robes, and women smiled in sympathy as he passed them.

When he drew near to the town a noisy crowd blocked the roadway, and when the old man reached it he saw that the shouting folk were gathered in angry quarrel round a poor boy who had been cruelly beaten by a savage taskmaster.

"Alas!" he murmured to himself, "how can I help this helpless boy? What can I do to ease his pain?" And then, almost without realizing what he was doing and with

a bright smile, he stepped up to the youth, and, quickly drawing out his flask of frankincense, he broke the neck of the bottle and poured the soothing oil over the cuts and bruises. He had done all that he could, and with gentle words of encouragement he left the boy and started again for Bethlehem.

"I still have my gold piece and the beautiful ruby," he thought. "I could not have done otherwise than help that suffering boy." And at the thought of the pain he had eased his face grew bright again and he walked more quickly forward.

A hand was laid on his arm, and a piteous moan came from a miserable beggar who stood in his way.

"Oh, alms, alms," he cried. "Good sir, give alms, for I am old and wretched!" And when the white-haired man looked down into the face of an unhappy beggar he could not resist his pleading. He had no money except the one gold piece he was carrying to the Child at Bethlehem, but that he drew out quickly and pressed into the beggar's outstretched hand.

"I still have my gold piece," he whispered to himself. "That is worth both the gold and the frankincense together." So he tried to stifle his sadness at the thought that he had now only one gift to lay at the Baby's feet. "My ruby is very fine and costly," he said aloud; "it is a fit present for the beautiful Child, even if I have now only one to bring."

Soon he was at Bethlehem, and he threaded his way slowly through the crowded streets, determined that he would let nothing more delay him.

His way lay past the slave-market, and there a terrible sight met his eyes. A frail, delicate little child was being held up for auction, and near by crouched the mother, bowed to the ground in helpless

## Little Nell's Christmas

By BETTY CREFFIELD, Age 11, Monterey School

IT was Christmas Eve morning, and the snow lay thick and white like a huge carpet on the hills outside. After dinner Nell was going with her father to the woods to get a Christmas tree. Little Nell, aged six, was of a loving nature, and was very sweet-looking with fair ringlets and dark blue eyes. Her father, who had been a major in the war, was quite rich, and was able to afford a large, comfortable house for himself, his wife, and daughter to live in. Mrs. Winslow, Nell's mother, was of the same disposition as her daughter, gentle and loving.

When Nell was having dinner with her mother and father, she could hardly eat the delicious meal which was set before her, because of her excitement. The very thought of the toboggan-ride to the woods made Nell shout with joy! After dinner, Nell's mother helped her on with her thick coat and her woollen hat, and kissed her "good-bye." "Be a good girl while you are out," said Mrs. Winslow—and they were off.

How lovely it was to whizz through the snow! How cool and fresh it was! At last they reached the woods. "We will get off now, Pet," said the Major. "Pet" was his nickname for Nell. When they were walking through the woods, Nell's sharp eyes caught sight of a fine tree amongst the bushes and tangle. "Oh Daddy!" she cried, "let us get that tree!"

"Just the one," said Major Winslow. "I shall soon chop it down." Bang! bang! went the axe, and the tree was felled.

When they reached home with their heavy load, Nell's face was all aglow. "Oh Mummy," she excitedly cried, "do come and look at the lovely tree!"

Isn't that splendid," said Nell's mother, "that will look pretty with all the decorations on it. Let us go in now, dear."

When Nell was looking at the frozen world through the nursery window, she saw a familiar figure in a toboggan riding past. Why, who do you think it was? Santa Claus to be sure! "Oh look mummy," cried the little girl, "there's Santa Claus!"

That night when Santa Claus entered Major Winslow's house, he saw a dear little girl fast asleep in a small white bed. (In a chair by the bed, he saw a note which had written on it: "Dear Santa Claus, I think I have been a good girl so will you please bring me a little toy doggie with lots and lots of fur on it. I would also like a baby doll whose eyes could open and shut. If you think I have been a good girl, will you please bring me some other things. From your little friend, Nell Winslow.")

"I must look in my book where I keep records of good and naughty children," thought Santa. "Oh here's Nell's name, she has been very good." Santa looked in his bag for the nicest baby doll he could find.

"Now I must find a toy puppy for her," he thought. "I don't think I have any." After thinking a while Santa said, "I have a good idea, in my toboggan there is a real little black woolly puppy. I will give that to Nell!" Thus saying, he placed the puppy on the bottom of the sleeping child's bed.

In the morning Nell was awakened by something cold and wet; she jumped up, and saw the little dog, who had been licking her face. "Oh you dear little doggie!" she said. "Did Santa Claus bring you? Are you mine?" This question was answered by a little note which was tied to the puppy's collar. It said, "My dear little Nell, I did not have any toy pups, but I left this real one for you. I think it is nicer than a toy one. You have been a good girl all year, so I left this baby doll; I hope you will like it. With Christmas Greetings, From Santa Claus."

Nell quickly ran into her parent's bedroom. "Look, Mummy," she said. "Santa brought me a real pup. What shall I name him? Oh, I know; Peter!" When Nell had finished showing her presents, and when she had received one from her parents, she left the room to get dressed.

Later in the afternoon the Winslows were going to have a party of children, and they were not to see the Christmas Tree until after supper. One by one the children arrived, each giving Nell a present. When they had finished playing games they had supper. A turkey, vegetables, jellies, trifles, cakes, sweetmeats and Christmas crackers! What a wonderful supper! It was more like a banquet! After supper the children all gathered into the room which held the Christmas Tree. What a tree it was! On it were presents from Nell to the children, and underneath the tree there was a large bulky parcel, which had written on it "To dear Nell." Nell was very excited when a lovely red toboggan appeared. "Oh lovely!" cried Nell, "who is it from?"

"Look and see, Pet," said the Major. "Oh look!" cried Nell again, "this card says, 'A special gift to a good girl, from Santa.' 'Oh Mummy, I'm 'cited!'"

As the evening wore on, the people sat around the fire telling stories and cracking jokes. When the people went Nell said "goodnight" to everyone. When she was in bed she lifted her rosy mouth to kiss her mother, and said, "Mummy, I think this is one of the happiest Christmases I have had. I don't think I shall ever forget it. Goodnight, Mummy."

The End.

Ski-running is becoming popular with school children of the mountain districts of Bohemia. Formerly children were often obliged to stay at home on snowy days; now, on skis, they can cover the ground easily.

agony at the thought of the awful life that awaited her little one.

It was more than the tender heart of the man could bear. His face lost its smile; it was drawn with emotion as a battle raged within him. Tears streamed down the mother's face, and as he saw them only one thought filled the old man's heart.

"My ruby!" he whispered, "my ruby!" And, drawing it out, he pushed quickly through the crowd and bought the child. His face beamed with love and happiness as he guided the little one past the on-lookers to the weeping mother.

"Take your child," he said, "for now, he is really yours. Take him—take him." And, hardly waiting to hear her thanks, he threaded his way through the market place. Then he stood still. The smile faded from his face. He wrung his hands and a mist of unshed tears covered his eyes.

"Alas, alas!" he cried, "Alas, I have no gift at all. My frankincense, I poured it on the poor lad's wounds; my gold I gave to the unhappy beggar, and now—now my beautiful ruby has gone to rescue the little child from slavery. I have no gift to lay at the feet of the Child of Bethlehem."

Seeing that folk were watching him, he made an effort to control his grief, and turned forward. His head was bowed with grief, but he chose his road carefully. It was the way leading most quickly back to the home from which he had started full of hope!

"With empty hands I cannot go," he said, as he toiled on in the heat of the sun.

A green bank under a shady tree tempted him to rest. With a sigh he sat down and leaned his head against a tree trunk. His heavy eyes closed and soon he slept.

His face was tired and sad, but as he slept it grew less tired and looked less sad. The weary lines were smoother, again a happy smile spread over it, and when at last he woke, he beamed with joy, and started happily on his journey home.

And why the change? Ah! While he slept he dreamed. He saw the Child of Bethlehem on His Mother's knee, and found within the humble room the smell of frankincense. He knelt to worship, and when he lifted up his eyes he saw that on the forehead of the Child his ruby shone and trembled, while in the tiny hand a gold piece gleamed, and as he gazed, in speechless adoration, the soft, low voices of the Child and Mother whispered:

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these, My little ones, ye have done it unto Me."—Selected.

"Dear me!" exclaimed the sympathetic old lady as she stopped and patted a small boy on the head, "whatever are you crying for? What is troubling you?"

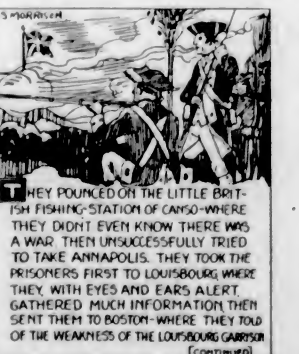
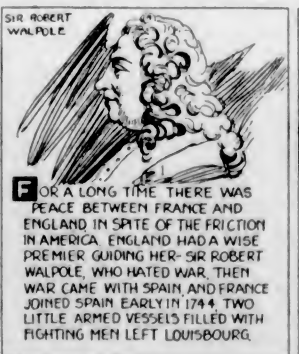
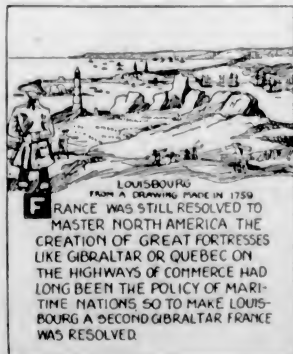
"Oh, dyspepsia and rheumatism," sobbed Tommy.

"Surely not," cried the old lady in alarm. "That can't be right."

"It is, answered Tommy dimly. 'Teacher whipped me 'cos I couldn't spell 'em.'"

## THIS CANADA OF OURS "Louisbourg, the Mighty Fortress"

By J. S. MORRISON



FROM A DRAWING MADE IN 1759  
FRANCE WAS STILL RESOLVED TO MASTER NORTH AMERICA THE CREATION OF GREAT FORTRESSES LIKE GIBRALTAR OR QUEBEC ON THE HIGHWAYS OF COMMERCE HAD LONG BEEN THE POLICY OF MARITIME NATIONS SO TO MAKE LOUISBOURG A SECOND GIBRALTAR FRANCE WAS RESOLVED

WHEN WE STAND TO DAY ON THE GRASS-COVERED RAMPARTS AND SEE BEFORE US THE MILES OF GREAT EARTHWORKS—ALL THAT IS LEFT WE REALIZE HOW STRONG THIS MIGHTY FORTRESS MUST HAVE BEEN. IT COST THE KING SO MUCH MONEY THAT HE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY WERE PAYING THE STREETS WITH GOLD.

FOR A LONG TIME THERE WAS PEACE BETWEEN FRANCE AND ENGLAND IN SPITE OF THE FRICTION IN AMERICA. ENGLAND HAD A WISE PREMIER GUIDING HER: SIR ROBERT WALPOLE, WHO HATED WAR, THEN WAR CAME WITH SPAIN AND FRANCE JOINED SPAIN EARLY IN 1744. TWO LITTLE ARMED VESSELS FILLED WITH FIGHTING MEN LEFT LOUISBOURG.

THEY POUNCED ON THE LITTLE BRITISH FISHING-STATION OF CAPSOWHERE THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THERE WAS A WAR. THEN UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED TO TAKE ANAPOLIS. THEY TOOK THE PRISONERS FIRST TO LOUISBOURG WHERE THEY WITH EYES AND EARS ALERT, GATHERED MUCH INFORMATION THEN SENT THEM TO BOSTON—WHERE THEY TOLD OF THE WEAKNESS OF THE LOUISBOURG GARRISON.

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# With Pastor and People

## Sistine Madonna One Of Raphael's Loveliest

Famous Canvas Hangs in Dresden Gallery—Artist One of Greatest Painters of Sixteenth Century—Died at Thirty-Seven After Life of Genius

Very little is known about Raphael's famous Madonna di San Sisto, the subject of the above painting, which is unquestionably the most notable of the many glorious canvases to be found in the Dresden gallery. Unlike many of Raphael's other Madonnas and portraits, no studies or sketches for it exist. In style it much resembles the same artist's Madonna di Foligno, although it has been less injured by restoration than the latter work.

Raphael painted many Madonnas, but while they are all distinctive they have one characteristic in common, a strong religious sentiment. His Anselmi Madonna, painted in 1506-1507, was purchased in 1884 for the Italian National Gallery from the Duke of Marlborough, the sum of £70,000 being paid for this masterpiece. It seems almost incredible in this present day that the artist, whose name is one of the most notable in the great gallery of famous painters that Italy produced in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, was able to leave such a prodigious quantity of beautiful works behind him when he died at the age of thirty-seven.

### Son of An Artist

Born in 1483, at Urbino, the son of an artist, he early showed a precocious talent in this same direction, and lived to become the greatest Italian painter of the Roman school. Perugino, whose studio he entered when he was a boy of fifteen or sixteen, was so fascinated by his genius that at an early age he admitted the youth to take a share in the execution of his own paintings. He went to Florence in 1504 and there came under the influence of Leonardo da Vinci and Michael Angelo, and in the succeeding five years produced six or seven Madonnas at least. The proximity of Michael Angelo, working in the Sistine Chapel, and the world of classical antiquity around him, gave a great impulse to his mind, and ripened his powers to their full perfection.

His distinguishing qualities were precision of line, a unique skill in draughtsmanship, rare sense of color, grace of composition, a thorough

knowledge of the human form, sublimity of modeling, nobility of composition, and skilful treatment of drapery, any and all of which characteristics may be found in this Madonna di San Sisto, more popularly, the Sistine Madonna.

### His Art Described

"His Madonnas," a famous critic has said, "were conceived with a graceful freedom delicately controlled, guided by a fine feeling for the laws of art and the sacred relationships of life, and were painted in a spirit of dreamy fancy or a cheerful outlook on life."

Of his many Madonnas his finest are the Sistine and Anselmi, mentioned above. The Madonna known as the Del Granduca (Pitti Gallery, Florence), the Del Cardinale (Uffizi Gallery, Florence), the Belle Jardiniere (Louvre), St. Catharine (National Gallery), the Entombment of Christ (Borghese Gallery, Rome), the Garvagh (National Gallery), the Casa d'Alba (Hermitage), Del Polignone (Vatican).

### Goes To Rome

In 1508 Raphael went to Rome where Julius II became his patron and friend, becoming so enamored of Raphael's style that he decided to sweep away from the Appartamento Borgia in the Vatican some of the famous existing frescoes in order that the younger artist might execute works to take their place. Raphael worked for six years in these frescoes. A man of singular charm and kindness of heart, he greatly endeared himself to all, and all classes mourned his death. In addition to his work as a painter he had some reputation as an architect, having succeeded Bramante as chief architect of St. Peter's, Rome; he also executed some sculptured works, and his versatility expressed itself also in his work as a wood carver, goldsmith, designer, engraver, and antiquarian researcher. In this last connection it may be noted that in 1513 he was excavating in Rome and for ten miles round.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TO HAVE SPECIAL MUSIC

Both Today and Tomorrow Celebration Will Continue, Archbishop de Penier Preaching

Special Christmas music will mark the services in St. John's Church today and tomorrow.

On Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion at 7:15, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., and on Sunday at 8 a.m. There will be morning prayer with special Christmas music, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, and in the evening at 7:30 there will be a special service to mark St. John's Day, when the preacher will be the Most Rev. A. U. de Penier, Archbishop of New Westminster.

This service will be attended by the Free Masons of Victoria and vicinity, at the invitation of the rector, Rev. F. A. Chadwick. District Deputy Grand Master Deaville and other distinguished Masons will be present at this service, and it is expected there will be a large attendance of the Masonic fraternity and general public.

There will be a short organ recital before the service and the music will include the Christmas hymns, the anthem, "Sing, O Heavens," by Sir John Sullivan; "Nunc Dimittis," by G. J. Burnett; and the solo, "Comfort Ye, My People," from the "Messiah," by Mr. Roberts.

## Special Programme Also at Oak Bay Church

A special musical programme, together with readings, prayers and addresses, all in keeping with the Christmas season, has been arranged for the Oak Bay United Church on Sunday.

Morning at 11 o'clock. The preacher, Rev. W. A. Guy, and his subject will be "Bethlehem's First Christmas," poem, "First Christmas Morn," Mr. W. J. Russell; anthem, "Sing, O Heavens," choir, solo, "Try to Love Me," Miss Rita Orlinton.

Evening, 7:30 o'clock. Preacher, Rev. W. A. Guy; subject, "The Path of the Star." Anthem, "Blessed Be the Lord," choir; solo, "The Gift," Mr. F. J. King; duet, "When Christ Was Born," Misses Johnstone; anthem, "O Thou That Tellest," choir; anthem, "And the Glory," choir.

Visitors to the city and others are cordially invited to attend these services.



## VICTORIA CITY TEMPLE

CLEM DAVIES, R.A., D.D., PASTOR

Is Christianity Belief in God, or Belief in Man?

NIGHT, OLD-TIME HOME-COMING SERVICE (Especially for Home Folks and Those Away From Home)

BRING YOUR VISITORS

Band, Choir and Great Congregation unite in "The Glory Song," "Rejoice, Rejoice, Ye Disciples," "O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go," "Tell Me the Old, Old Story," "O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go."

SERMON: Dr. Davies

The Power of Sentiment

Mrs. Arthur Dwyer, B.C. Soprano Soloist, sings, "Home, Sweet Home." Temple Band plays Old-Time Revival Selections from 7 to 12. A GREAT SERVICE, AND YOU'LL HAVE TO BE THERE TO ENJOY IT. AS WE ARE NOT ON THE AIR THIS SUNDAY. "Where Religion Chorus"

## METROPOLITAN WILL CONTINUE SERVICE

Unusually Beautiful Decorations Put in Place for Tomorrow's Christmas Observance

Metropolitan Church will continue its Christmas services today. Last Sunday was marked with services that were inspiring and worshipful in a setting of evergreens, holly and Christmas decorations that delighted the large congregations attending both morning and evening. Today the decorations will be more elaborate. The Christmas trees will be replaced by potted cyclamens, the holly will be replenished and the large Christmas trees will be illuminated. The public is cordially invited to see how beautiful this place of worship has been made.

Dr. Sippell will speak in the morning on the subject of "Yesterday in the Light of Today," and will show how a new meaning is often given to life's experiences when they are viewed after they have passed us by. In the evening the choir will render the Advent and Christmas portions of Arthur Sullivan's well-known oratorio, "The Light of the World."

Next Sunday morning the City Council, the School Board and the Police Commissioners will be welcomed at the services in this church, and Dr. Sippell will speak on the subject, "What Constitutes Progress, and How to Attain It."

The musical programme for today is as follows:

### At 11 A.M.

Antiphon—"Christians, Awake!"

Soprano solo, Mrs. G. Reid

Soprano solo—"Rejoice Greatly!"

Mrs. E. Parsons, Messiah

At 7:30 P.M.

"The Light of the World," Sullivan

Prologue—Chorus, "There Shall Come Forth a Rod"

Natural introduction and recitative (tenor) "There Were Shepherds"

Solo (alto) "Fear Not, for Behold" Chorus of Angels—"Glory to God in the Highest"

Chorus of Shepherds, "Let Us Go Even Now to Bethlehem"

Solo (bass) "Blessed Art Thou Among Women"

Alto (soprano), "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"

Alto (soprano), "The Whole Earth is at Rest"

Recit. (alto), "Arise and Take the Young Child"

Alto (soprano), "Refrain Thy Voice From Weeping"

Recit. (alto), "Arise and Take the Young Child"

Chorus, "I Will Pour Out My Spirit"

Chorus (by request), "Hallelujah"

Messiah

Soprano solo, Mrs. E. Parsons

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## Raphael's Famous Madonna di San Sisto



## FOLKS FROM HOME INVITED TO TEMPLE

Tomorrow Evening Special Musical Services Will Be Held—Revival Songs Being Sung

A service for those away from home will be a holiday feature of the services of the City Temple on Sunday evening. Dr. Clem Davies will preach on "The Power of Sentiment." Mrs. Arthur Dwyer, British Columbia musical festival soprano gold medalist, will sing, by special request, "Home, Sweet Home" and Mr. Frank H. Partridge will sing a well-known number, "The Temple Band." The Temple Band and congregation will join in the singing of the following old-fashioned and much-loved melodies, which will awaken many memories of other years: "The Glory Song," "Tell Me the Old, Old Story," "There's a Land That is Fairer Than This," "Rejoice, Rejoice, O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go," and "Come Ye Disciples." The Temple Band will also play old-time revival songs in their musical programme, from 7 to 7:30 o'clock. According to Dr. Davies, this will be a special service for home folks and those who are away from home, and the service will be designed in order that the congregation may enjoy the singing of these old songs and play some old loved tunes in solo and music.

## White Gift Service At Emmanuel Church

Christmas services will be held in Emmanuel Baptist Church tomorrow.

At the morning hour of worship, "The White Gifts to the King" service will be followed. This service has been deservedly popular during the last two years. The scholars from the two Sunday schools will attend. The pulpit and choir will be suitably decorated in white. Well-known Christmas hymns will be sung. Other items in the service will be: "The Christmas Story," Miss Aldyth Walter; chorus by Sunday school scholars, "Rejoice, Rejoice," "Legend of Calvary," by Eleanor Anderson. Old and young alike will have an opportunity of presenting their offering of love to Christ the King.

The evening service will be chiefly musical. The congregation will sing the well-loved Christmas hymns and also the carols, "The First Noel," and "Silent Night." The choir, under the leadership of Henry McLeary, with Miss W. Rowcroft at the organ, will sing the hymns, "Christians, Awake," "Silent Night," "Manger," "Nativity," "Manger," and "Rejoice Greatly" (Makers), the soloists being Miss Gladys Farchant and Mr. A. C. Woodland. Mrs. G. H. E. Green will sing a solo. At the services the Rev. Henry Knox will be in charge and will deliver brief messages.

## At James Bay Church

The services at James Bay United Church tomorrow will be in charge of the minister and will be of a seasonal character. At the morning service the governing body will be retrospective and pledge, while the service in the evening will be in the form of a carol service, when a large number of the young people will officiate, and it is expected that a number of solo and duets, as well as a good share of congregational singing, will form a happy feature. The services all day will be in charge of the minister, the Rev. Thos. Keyworth.

A large number of white gifts received at last Sunday's service have been deposited to the needy of the district this week.

## St. Paul's, Esquimalt

At St. Paul's Church, Esquimalt, a congregational carol service, following choir evening, will take place tomorrow evening. There will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and Matins and service at 10:30 o'clock. The children's Christmas service will take place at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon, and parents are invited to attend this.

## British-Israel Society

The regular weekly meeting of the Victoria British-Israel Association will be held on Monday evening, at eight o'clock, in the King's Hall, Lower Yates Street.

Mr. E. E. Richards will give an address on "The New Covenant," an appeal to the Christian church.

## Presbyterian Rally to Be Held New Year's Day

The New Year's rally of the Presbyterian Sunday schools of Victoria, to be held in St. Andrew's Church, promises to be largely attended. The fact of there being a roll call of the schools has created a healthy rivalry as to which school will have the largest turnout.

## Citadel Services Will Preface Annual Tree

Commandant and Mrs. Jones will lead the Sunday meetings at the Salvation Army Citadel, Broad Street, assisted by other city officers.

On Tuesday evening the annual Christmas entertainment will be held in the Citadel. Parents and friends of the young folks are particularly invited to attend. The programme is a good one, and the Young People's Band will take part.

The members of the Citadel and the Young People's bands desire to thank the citizens for their kind reception when playing Christmas carols in the residential districts. The donations will be used in the band fund for new music or other necessary equipment.

## Cheesley Cards Ready

Tomorrow morning, at 11 o'clock, in the New Thought Temple, the Rev. Dr. Arthur E. Barton will speak on "Your Greatest Treasure," and in the evening at 7:30 he will speak on "An Analysis of Man."

At both services Sunday each member of the congregation will receive one of Cheesley's "Special Greeting Cards."

Dr. Barton will also lecture in the Temple on Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, on "The Temple of the Living God."

## At St. Paul's Church

An inspiring service will be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Victoria West, tomorrow, with Christmas carols and hymns by the choir. The special soloists at the 11 o'clock service will be Miss J. Macgowan and Mrs. J. S. Patterson, and for the evening, at 7:30, Mr. J. Petrie and Mr. McCrosan, Jr., son of the Rev. Dr. McCrosan, of Seattle, will sing and play the organ. The church has been artistically decorated, and inspiring messages will be delivered by the minister, the Rev. J. S. Patterson, at both services.

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At both the morning and evening services each member of the congregation will receive one of Cheesley's "Special Greeting Cards."

METCHOSIN, Dec. 23.—On Christmas Day Rev. Mr. Gemmill will hold divine service in St. Mary's Church at 11 o'clock, and Rev. W. Bolton will conduct a service in the Anglican Church at 8 o'clock at the same hour on Sunday. Service will be held at William Head at 11 o'clock and at Metchoshin at 8:15 o'clock.

## EIGHTEEN SCHOOLS WILL JOIN RALLY

New Year's Gathering at Metropolitan Church Will Be Significant Event

The New Year's Day Sunday school that is being arranged by the various churches of this city is to be held in Metropolitan Church, commencing at 10:30 a.m., and is to be attended by representatives of some eighteen schools, who are expected to fill the beautiful church. The Metropolitan orchestra has consented to be present and provide several numbers, while the organ will be presided over by Mr. E. Purdon. The address will be delivered by Dr. W. Russell, superintendent of the First Baptist Church school, while Mr. A. J. Daniels, occupying the same position in Victoria West United, will preside over the rally. A number of other superintendents will assist at various parts of the service. A printed order of service, with hymns and readings, will be provided, and spaces will be marked off for the various schools. This service is expected to give Sunday school work a great inspiration, and the parents and children are asked to be in attendance in good time so that the service shall proceed promptly and in orderly fashion.

## The Mass of Christ

The Victoria Theosophical Society (Independent) will hold a public meeting on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, the subject for discussion being "The Mass of Christ." This will be presented from the viewpoint of the student of comparative religion and philosophy.

The meeting is free to all and will be held in the room, 101 Union Building.

## Carol Services

Tomorrow at 7 p.m. there will be a carol service at St. Mark's Church, and on Wednesday the children's Christmas party will take place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the small children, and at 7 p.m. for the older people.

## First United Church

At the First United Church tomorrow the services will be of a Christmas character, and in the morning the Rev. W. J. Wilson will preach on "Keeping Christmas Alive." The usual full choral Christmas service will be given in the evening, and this, in view of the choir's reputation under Mr. Jackson Hanby's able direction, may be anticipated with pleasure.

## Grace Lutheran Church

Tomorrow at Grace Lutheran Church services will be held at 10:30 in the morning, followed by the Sunday school session at 11:45, and at 7:30 in the evening. The evening service at 7:30 will be a carol service rendered by the choir and Sunday school, at which time Christmas cheer will be distributed to the children.



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# Plays and Players

## Norma Shearer Portrays Vaudeville's Soul in Film

As Variety Star Beautiful Movie Favorite Dazzles the Eye and Stirs the Heart in Picture at Dominion Commencing Monday

The glittering of footlights—the glamor of the variety—and the human element that underlies the spectacle of gifted butterflies of vaudeville—these are the elements that make "Upstage" a play long to be remembered. It is more than a play of vaudeville—it is the living soul of vaudeville—a world apart.

Norma Shearer, beautiful, dazzling in her gorgeous creation, appealing in her wistful appeal for sympathy in misfortune—she is the very embodiment of all the women of the vaudeville stage. She shows their triumphs and their tragedies—she holds a mirror up to the charmers of the varieties.

**An Intimate Story**

The new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production, an intimate story of "behind the scenes," playing at the Dominion Theatre, commencing on Monday, is one of the most striking pictures of today. It is a play about players; it takes the audience into the regions behind the scenes in a vaudeville theatre; one follows Norma Shearer through her adventures in booking agencies, one-night stands and on the hard road the vaudeville actress has to travel.

Monty Bell directed the picture from the story by Walter De Leon, famous writer of vaudeville fiction, and himself a vaudeville headliner for many years. De Leon caught the very spirit of the players of the varieties, and Bell placed it on the screen with a rare skill.

**Real Vaudeville Dancer**

The cast is something novel. The hero is a real vaudeville dancer—Oscar Shaw, late of the "Music Box Revue"—who proves a very acceptable screen hero indeed. Dorothy Phillips, J. Frank Glendon, Ward

## RIN-TIN-TIN HERO OF COLUMBIA'S FILM

"A Hero of the Bush," Starring Famous Dog, Depicts Canadian Bush Life

In the eastern part of Canada or the great "North Country," which form the locale of Warner Bros. production, "A Hero of the Big Snows," starring Rin-Tin-Tin, the rivers are the highways on which in summer canoes, and in the winter, dogs, take the place of horses and automobiles.

This country is what is known to the native-born Canadian as "the bush." It is a dense growth of timber and impenetrable underbrush cut only by the great rivers which form an interlacing net from the St. Lawrence in the south to James and Hudson Bay in the north. The rainfall is very heavy and the rivers are wide and deep running, with a heavy coat of ice except at the falls and "white water" in winter, all the year. These rivers make ideal highways except for the "white water," or rapids, and around which there are well-worn trails called "portages," and the natural "portages" over narrow necks of land from river to river.

Against this background unfolds the story of "A Hero of the Big Snows," which was directed by Herman Raymaker. Alice Calhoun, Don Alvarado, Leo Willis and Mary Jane Milliken are in the cast. The picture is opening on Monday at the Columbia for three days only.

## PANTOMIME'S DEBUT AT COLISEUM MONDAY

"The Sleeping Beauty," a Local Production and Fully Up-to-Date, Featured Next Week

A large company has been rehearsing for some time in preparation for the Victoria pantomime, the big holiday show which will be seen when the curtain goes up at the Coliseum Theatre on Monday. The story, "The Sleeping Beauty," has been treated in an original way and brought entirely up to date. The production is a local one, written by Frank Allwood and Walter Earle, and there are many local hits and allusions with such up-to-date things in the story as broadcasting and a bootlegger. A great favorite with the children will be the donkey who manages to save the beautiful Princess when she is in great danger, and there are many hearty laughs in store for those who will watch the antics of Queen Rapunzel, a part which will lose nothing through being in the hands of Ed. Redmond, whose comedy work is so keenly appreciated by Coliseum audiences. There are fairies and soldiers and Girl Guides all in the large cast of forty people, including some of Miss Fowkes' charming little pupils, and the Coliseum girls, who are contributing some very attractive ensembles arranged by Mr. Joe Kemper. Special scenery has been provided and a large assortment of costumes have been secured.

### "The Missing Link"

A son of John Kent, the English inventor of the electric arc light, works in the light of that very invention. He is Crawford Kent, character actor in "The Missing Link." The modern arc type studio lights which furnish most of the light for photographing movies are a development of his father's invention.

### Tom Mix Pained

"One gets used to being the mountain goat of pictures," remarked Tom Mix, "but outdoing avalanches and skipping chasms is not the worst of it. The altitude often makes such hard play exhausting, and even painful."

## NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS

**The Screen**  
Capitol—"Take It From Me," starring Reginald Denny.  
Columbia—"Rin-Tin-Tin in 'A Hero of the Big Snows.'"  
Dominion—"Upstage" featuring Norma Shearer.

**The Stage**  
Coliseum—"The Sleeping Beauty."  
Playhouse—"Puss in Boots."  
Crystal Garden—Swimming and Dancing.

## Motion Pictures' Test

"A motion picture is good when the spectator derives from it a satisfaction similar to seeing an expert bridge player make a close bid." The simile is that of Erich Pommer, European producer, now at Hollywood.



NORMA SHEARER

In a Scene From "Upstage," Which Will Be Showing All Next Week at the Dominion Theatre.

## "PUSS IN BOOTS" ON BILL AT PLAYHOUSE

Famous Christmas Pantomime of the Long Ago Reproduced on Local Boards

Monday it is here!—the finest pantomime. It is stated, ever seen locally. "Puss in Boots" will steal the heart away. It tells the story of the Marquis of Carabas (Eva Payne), who is penniless, and how his servant "Puss in Boots" (Helen Beck) kills the Giant (Leslie Martin) in the Enchanted Forest and wins his master's estates back for him. They meet the King (Leslie Martin) and the Queen (Will Marshall) in the forest, and all go to the palace together where the Magi's throne is. The Fairy Queen (Roberta Balcom) aids the Puss in every way she can, as the King wants to keep the palace for himself. There are two weirdly wonderful tramps (Harold Bechtel and Reg. Hinks), who wander through the three acts, generally getting themselves into trouble of the worst kind. And there is the Queen's infant daughter (Vivien Combe) who wants Lord Lockemup (Charles Courtenay) to make love to her, much to his dismay. There is a lot of charming music, with special lighting effects and scenery. And last, but not by any means least, there is

comedy. Patrons should be there early to be sure of getting a seat. There is a reserved section for every performance.

### The Screen

A little drudge of a seamstress, an eccentric tenor being pursued by women, his manager, a temperamental dancer, a whimsical invalid father, a taxi driver, and a cat-in-pajamas—mix them all up in a hundred situations and you have—"The Cat's Pajamas." The Playhouse Theatre next week.

Betty Bronson is the heroine. Tommy, her cat-in-pajamas, and Theodor Roberts, making his return to the screen, her father. Ricardo Cortes has a distinctive role as the eccentric tenor with whom Betty falls in love, because of having heard his voice on the phonograph.

### Soap and the Movies

Soap, the enemy of dirt in real life, is dirt's best counterfeiter in the movies. Washing powder flies as dust before the camera. It was explained at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio that when a dusty cloth is shaken before the camera, the dust is never seen. But rubbing polished furniture with soap gives a real effect of dirt. Scattering washing powder on a white cloth from which dust is to be shaken given a white clouds which films and settles as dust.

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## Reginald Denny's Funniest Of All at Capitol Monday

Cyclones of Laughter Breeze Through "Take It From Me," Featuring Filmdom's King of Merriment, Showing All Next Week

Another cyclone of laughter, with Reginald Denny as its instigator and master of ceremonies, will entertain audiences at the Capitol Theatre next week.

The title is "Take It From Me" and its sole purpose is the promotion and furtherance of laughter. It has no serious intent, and it is riotously funny—funnier even than Denny's pictures, "What Happened to Jones" or "Skinner's Dress Suit."

Fancy Reginald Denny, if you can, as the manager of a department store in a big city. He doesn't know any more about running one in the picture than he probably does in real life. But he is deadly serious in trying to do the job right.

He must show a profit or lose the store. Of course, the comedy villain comes in here by trying to prevent him from keeping the establishment out of the red side of the ledger.

But Denny's numerous amusing antics—which he performs in a profound and solemn manner which makes them all the funnier—by countless blunders and instances of

bad business judgment all turn out for the best, and Denny wins the store, the girl, and the enthusiastic plaudits of the audience.

For instance when he—but that would be revealing the precious situations of the story, and once having seen the picture you would never forgive that indiscretion.

Blanche Mehaffey makes a beautiful and charming leading woman for the clever farceur.

Her Hendricks, Jr., and Lee Moran as the blundering but well-intentioned friends of the hero are a splendid comedy team. Ethel Wales and Lucien Littlefield are excellent as the plotters who try to break the store, and Jean Tolley, in a supporting role, is excellent proof of why gentlemen prefer blondes. Tom O'Brien, Vera Lewis, Bertram Johns and others are in minor roles.

"Take It From Me," which will show all next week, starting Monday, at the Capitol Theatre, has all the breeziness of the musical comedy from which it was adapted. It is a Universal-Jewel production directed by William A. Seiter.



BETTY BRONSON AND THEODORE ROBERTS  
In a Scene From "The Cat's Pajamas," Which Is the Attraction at the Playhouse Theatre Next Week.

## WHY BRITISH FILMS FAIL TO MAKE GRADE

English Writer Stresses Official Stupidity in Treatment Accorded Miss Gish

Concerning the "expulsion" of Miss Gloria Swanson from Hyde Park when she was about to take part in the filming of "London," recently, Mr. Robert Nichols writes as follows in The Observer (London):

However seriously Imperial delegates and some departments of Whitehall may take films, there are those in Whitehall who manifestly do not take them so seriously. A straw shows the same old, dreary old way the wind is blowing. Miss Gish has been refused permission to take scenes in one of the Royal parks. A tiny straw, perhaps, and not worth noticing did it not only too clearly demonstrate how exactly some official minds, and also an enormous number of unofficial minds, are in the position they have always been.

Impossible Alternatives

The company which employs Miss Gish now has several alternatives before it. It may change that story and eliminate those scenes, probably an extremely expensive process; it may possibly employ a special process whereby Miss Gish's scenes are inserted in shots already taken of the park under normal conditions (this

cost, when I left Liverpool, from £200 per shot upwards)—a difficult and risky enterprise, or it may employ a painted glass process, the effect of which is usually extremely mediocre, or it may employ a model very often only too unconvincing, since such shots seldom "match up" with the rest of the film.

Miss Gish is understood to have expressed her surprise. I am not surprised; it was to be expected. Doubtless not only the officials concerned, but quite a number of worthy persons are sitting back, rubbing their hands, congratulating themselves on another defeat of those odious film people's pushful vulgarity, and rejoicing that England is where England was—at the bottom of the list.

Seemingly ridiculous

It would be ridiculous, were it not so unnecessary and so thoroughly symptomatic of English official and of general outside conservative attitude toward the film, which none the less an Imperial Conference declared should be, and be taken seriously.

In America, as Miss Gish, I am glad to say, has not failed to remark, the attitude is very different, and when I was in Whitehall I understood that attitude prevailed, for an official of considerable position, discretion, courtesy and enthusiasm gave me to understand that the Government was not above conveying to local authorities that every reasonable encouragement should be given to the production of films. In America the films are recognized as one of

the pleasures of the people and as a great industry of an exceptional nature, in which the co-operation of public bodies, and the public itself, is often necessary.

Mr. Cyril Maude  
Compares British and American Theatres

Mr. Cyril Maude considers that English acting is genuinely appreciated in the United States, says The London Times. Addressing the English-Speaking Union, he said that all the well-educated people, at any rate, loved the sound of English voices, and the way we pronounced our words. American schools of acting were now devoting a great deal of attention to voice production, and the accents of most of the best American actresses were only very slightly distinguishable from our own. We had a great deal to learn from the American theatre in way of lighting effects, but our English theatres were infinitely more comfortable. He suggested that the American practice of teaching dramatic writing in many universities could be copied here with advantage, and he wished a powerful body like the English-Speaking Union would take the matter up.

Pola Negri's Hobby

Pola Negri, a purchaser of rare first editions, is on the catalogue mailing list of nearly every noted bibliographer of the world.

## DEAF MUTES PLAY IN MOTION PICTURES

Acquired Pantomime Fluency Proves Big Asset in New Field

An experiment conceived eight years ago and worked out last Summer is about to be issued in its film form. It is a two-reel comedy, entitled "His Busy Hour," with a cast of deaf-mutes.

In 1918 James O. Spearling, then motion picture editor of The New York Times, met a number of deaf-mutes, and it occurred to him that they were possible screen actors. Subsequently, he ran across a passage from Montaigne in which the French essayist remarked upon the "perfection" with which deaf-mutes could make themselves understood to normal hearing people by natural gestures and expressions. Then, too, it was known that a number of leading actors of the screen and stage were the children of deaf-mute parents who had imparted to them a natural pantomimic expressiveness.

Underlying Theory

These and other observations led Mr. Spearling to entertain the idea that there was something in the suggestion of many of the deaf-mutes, that there was something in the suggestion, in that otherwise normal deaf people, denied the usual means of communication with hearing and

speaking people, acquire a special fluency and sharpness of pantomime in their efforts to make themselves understood and to show their feelings.

But before he did anything about it, Mr. Spearling went to Universal City and spent nearly four years there, during which he was too busy writing scenarios, editing pictures and directing to devote any time to working out the theory. Last Summer, however, before going East to take his present position in the editing and titling department of the Paramount studio in Long Island City, he made some preliminary investigations that encouraged him to put his idea to a test.

In Mrs. Bertha Lincoln Heustis he found a sympathetic backer and in Gabriel Ravennell, a teacher of stage pantomime who already had several deaf-mutes in his classes, he found an associate ready to work with him in some preliminary investigations that encouraged him to put his idea to a test.

Place for Deaf-Mutes

Mr. Spearling then undertook the direction of the comedy. It is an unpretentious work, but in the opinion of many it substantiates the theory that there is a place for deaf-mutes on the screen. Also, the quick interest of those who have heard of the production indicates that a popular response to their work may be expected. Mr. Spearling also reports that he found the deaf people stimulating to work with, to communication with them is said to have been somewhat difficult and demanded patience from all concerned, but the players, of whom he has never faced a motion picture camera before, showed such eagerness and aptitude that he found it a pleasure to direct them.

ANADIAN ENGINEER MAKES WORLD LAUGH

Amused Boys in Trenches With Comic Sketches and Gave Birth to "Old Bill"

Accidents oft times determine the fate of men. So Bruce Bairnfather, creator of "Old Bill," gives abundant testimony.

He was an electrical engineer in Canada. His job went by the board when war came and returning home he promptly enlisted.

The first winter found the English and the Germans in dugouts about 100 yards apart. There was little activity and much boredom. Bairnfather, for his own amusement, began to draw little sketches of the men around him. The sketches made a hit with the "Tommyes."

Promptly Never Knew

It was just before Ypres that a companion suggested to Bairnfather that he send one of his sketches to a newspaper in London. Had it not been for this man, there could have been no "Old Bill" and Bruce Bairnfather would be an employee of some electrical firm. The man who made the suggestion never knew. He was killed.

Later while Bairnfather was in a hospital recovering from wounds he received a check for \$15. He was asked to send more drawings. Within a year Bairnfather was receiving \$200 a week.

Convincing after a second "busting up" the cartoonist was persuaded to write a vaudeville sketch featuring "Old Bill, Alf and Bert. The act went over. Bairnfather induced the embryo dramatist to write a second, and before the war was ended, a full-length play "The Better 'Ole."

Fixed for Life

So the one-time electrician was famous. Fortune had moved right along with him and he was fixed for life. It is an old story now that Bairnfather's cartoons were a tonic to thousands of men who fought in the war. Not alone the British. In the countries of time "The Better 'Ole" was presented in five companies toured the country with it. Of course, it was a certainty that the play would be pictured and in its cinema form it is every bit as popular as it was on the legitimate stage.

Stars' Amusements

Shooting ranges and an archery green are the amusement facilities on the grounds of Lon Chaney's home in Hollywood. Lon Chaney Phillips has a croquet ground on the lawn of her home. Just back of the Spanish home of Eleanor Boardman in Beverly Hills are two large tennis courts. Ramon Novarro has a thoroughly equipped gymnasium in his residence and also a miniature track field.

"I went home quite a bit under the weather last night and my wife didn't suspect a thing."

"Couldn't see smell your breath?"

"That's just it. I ran the last block home and when I got to her I was all out of breath."

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Madame Kalich Arrives From East on Thursday's Steamer

Madame Kalich, the world-famous tragedienne, who will arrive in Victoria from the East on the C.P.R. steamer Thursday, December 30, and will be a guest here for a short while, will be accompanied by almost an entire entourage as that which surrounded Queen Marie of Roumania. Madame Kalich will be accompanied by a personal staff, consisting of a doctor, a social secretary, a chef and three maids, and an executive staff, consisting of a manager, an assistant manager, a stage director, an assistant stage director, an art director, a reader, a translator and a costumer. She will be joined here by her chauffeur, who is coming on with her car which she will use extensively on the West Coast. Maids and secretaries will have their hands full here, as in every other place, looking after the twenty-three trunks of Parisian frocks which Madame Kalich selected when in the French capital last Summer. Madame Kalich is tall, slender, active, both in mind and body, believes in plenty of exercise and dresses in the very latest keep of the mode. Her hair is not bobbed—it is jet black and is piled high on her shapely head in the fashion which has come to be known as the "Kalich coil." Madame Kalich is a close friend of George Bernard Shaw who, by the way, informed her last season while she visited at his home in England that he is writing another play for her which will supersede "Magda" and "The Riddle Woman." Madame Kalich is making her first transcontinental tour, playing "Magda" and "The Riddle Woman."

Pay Ice Cream Eaters

Two hundred extras drew their salaries at the Metro-Goldwyn Mayer lot for eating ice cream sundaes and drinking ice cream sodas. They were part of a dance hall scene. The action called for a well patronized soda fountain, so one was installed with real soda "jerkers" to operate it. More than fifty gallons of ice cream and hundreds of sodas were consumed. Joan Crawford and Owen Moore made away with more than a dozen each.

Blondes Hardier

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Blondes are not only preferred by gentlemen, but according to the famous surgeon, Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane, they are much harder.

"Fair-haired persons have enormous advantages over dark-haired," he told the American Women's Club here. "They seem to be able to fight against disease much better."

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## 'TOMMY ATKINS' FILM PLANNED IN ENGLAND

War Office Promotes Assistance in  
Worth-While All-British Celluloid  
Epics of Army

There are signs that the present slump in British film production will not last much longer, says The London News. Big plans are on foot to make pictures which on merit alone will have to be shown in pretty well every picture house in this country and in the Dominions. It is said that a new producing company has just acquired the Alliance Studios at Twickenham, and that its first effort will be "Tommy Atkins," a film based on the famous Drury Lane drama.

The company concerned has promise of War Office assistance in the production of the film, which will have an all-British cast. The producer has not yet been appointed, but a little bird whispers that great efforts are being made to obtain the services of Mr. D. W. Griffith, of "Birth of a Nation," "Intolerance" and "Way Down East" fame. Wardour Films, Ltd., the enterprising renters who acquired the famous "Vaudeville" film for Great Britain, is the firm responsible for the new production.

### Sister of "Dumbells"

Plays at Royal on  
Thursday, January 6

A sister to the Dumbells—but a production which stands on its own merits and has no need of any reflected glory. This is Capt. Plunkett's Revue of 1926, an affair of songs and dances, girls and music, which comes to the Royal Theatre on Thursday, January 6, for three days, with a matinee on Saturday.

To those who like excellent and varied dancing, it comes highly recommended. It boasts a Leonid beauty ballet of soloists and specialty girls. It has ensembles and specialties, comedy numbers, grotesques and dainty solo bits. It has, moreover, a diminutive young danseuse who is a star in her own right, Jeanette Garrette and who actually and literally stops the show. Those who like music should not miss it, and it will be a long time before people will see a better battery of comedians than the group Capt. Plunkett is sending here. Beauty will be found in abundance. The dancers are justly entitled to that rating, according to the critics. The settings, lighting effects and costumes make it, so to speak, a thing to see. There are the two prize-winning beauties, Miss Toronto and Miss Winnipeg. All of it is crowded into one evening of high-speed and thoroughly satisfying entertainment.

### American Criticizes Sir Thomas Beecham

Mr. H. P. Carter, of Washington, writing in The London Times says: "Sir Thomas Beecham speaks as though America were a musical paradise. I have lived there for twenty-five years and have not found it so. In particular, I have felt acutely the scarcity and poor quality of vocal music. I would urge that those who desire musical progress in England should not clamor for subsidies for grand opera, but help to form small choirs. There is nothing in music more beautiful than an unaccompanied part-song really well sung. It is quite inexpensive, and to the soul which is seeking rest from a noisy, rushing world it is far more soothing than grand opera, which is high-pressure music. Englishmen need not be ashamed of their music now. I was in Liverpool last summer and heard a band playing in a back street on Sunday afternoon. The musicians were mainly ex-service men, with a few mere boys among them. They played good music in a style which would not have been approached by any of the military bands I have heard in the States, except the Marine Band."



JEAN FORD TOLMIE  
"Miss Toronto," of the 1925 Atlantic City Beauty Contest, and now same beauty at the "Capt. Plunkett's Revue of 1926" at the Royal for three days, beginning Thursday, January 6.

### Appropriate Music

Try these over on your piano and see what happens. Frank Bahr, in charge of music at the Paramount Long Island studio, has analyzed the best types of music to stimulate various scenes, as follows:  
Love—"Dreams of Love" by Liszt; pathos—"Vision" by Debussy; mystery—"Valse Triste" by Tchaikovsky; death—"Funeral March" by Chopin; parting—"Serenade" by Tosti; fear—"Sous Les Tenebres" by Fosse.

### Old-Time Newspaperman Passes Away in Quebec

QUEBEC, Dec. 24.—The death occurred this morning at his home in this city of Colonel Charles E. Rouleau, one of the oldest newspapermen in Canada. He was eighty-five years old.

Colonel Rouleau, who started life as a teacher, soon took up newspaper work. He was a member of the staff of the old Minerve, of Montreal, for a time and more recently of Le Soleil, of Quebec. He was a pensioner of the Customs Department at the time of his death.

Colonel Rouleau was the founder and the commander of the Independent Regiment of Penitential Zouaves in Canada. He was a Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great and a Knight of the Order of St. X.



REGINALD DENNY  
In a Scene From "Take It From Me," the Feature Attraction at the Capitol Theatre Next Week.

## The Garden Week by Week

By NORMAN W. F. RANT, F.R.H.S.

As soon as the New Year comes the seed catalogue will come, too. The earlier one orders one's seeds the better. If there is something in an order which is a little out of the common, and not carried in stock, the seedsmen will have time to get what one wants and supply it in plenty of time for sowing.

Don't buy cheap seeds. Pay a fair price to a reputable seedman and thus insure yourself against old seed or seed of inferior quality. You can buy seed for five cents a packet but you cannot expect it to produce the quality of flowers that seed costing as high as \$25 an ounce will produce. The difference in the price of really first class seeds and the cheapest kinds is only a matter of cents, whereas the resulting plants will be as different as anything could be. Go to a reliable seedman; all seeds of a species look alike and your only protection is the reliability of the seedman.

**British Columbia Seeds Good**  
All the seeds you will need are not grown in British Columbia, but a great many of them are, and when you can get home-grown seeds you can know that there are no better on earth, provided you get them from a seedman who knows by whom they were grown.

In the following notes it has been the endeavor to give some of the best varieties of vegetable and annual flower seeds together with a few words, by way of description, of each kind mentioned.

**For Vegetables**  
First let us consider the vegetables for a small garden. It is taken for granted that the potatoes and other bulky crops will not be grown in the average city garden, but if these are needed a selection can be made with ease.

**Broad beans**—Sow at intervals from January until May. Broad Windsor is as good as any variety.  
**Bush beans**—Sow not earlier than May 1. Canadian Wonder is among the best of the green podded kinds and Kidney Wax of the yellow podded varieties.

**Peas and Runner Beans**—Sow early in May. Scarlet Emperor and Burpee's Runner are good sorts.  
**Brussels Sprouts**—Sow in March and get Lulu Island, a local variety of great merit.

**Cabbage, Kale and Cauliflower**—The average city gardener will be well advised to buy the plants of these.

**Carrots** should be sown in March and for the small garden Chantenay half long is a good variety.  
**Corn**—Sow about the middle of April and use improved Golden Bantam, another B.C. variety.

**A Good Lettuce**  
Lettuce should be sown every two weeks during the Spring. The writer has found Hansson an excellent kind. Onions should be sown early. Yellow Globe is a favorite.

**Peas of the early varieties** should be sown in February, the Pilot being a good kind.

**Midseason Peas**—Sow in March. The Speed pea, and for a late pea, sown in May, try Ne Plus Ultra.

**Radish**—Should be sown every ten days or so. Try French Breakfast and Scarlet Globe. There are no better radish seed than those grown in B.C.

**Buy the plants of tomatoes and vegetable marrows.**

**Annual Flowers**  
Now as to annual flower seeds. The subject is so large that only a selection of the best known kinds can be given within the limits of a short article.

The half-hardy kinds such as Aster, Antirrhinum, Phlox and Petunia are best bought as plants, unless one has frames to start them in, so these will not be discussed but the hardy subjects, which can be sown out of doors will be considered.

**Sweet Alyssum**—The variety Little Gem is as good as any and always does well.

**Candytuft**—May be had in separate colors such as pink, mauve, etc., as well as white. Be sure to thin out the seedlings when they come up so as to give each plant plenty of room to develop.

**Cosmos**—Be sure to get the early flowering variety, as otherwise the bloom will be too late for this climate. This, too, may be had in crimson, pink and white.

**Clarkia** is everybody's flower and may be had in a number of good colors.

**Annual Larkspur**  
Annual Larkspur may now be purchased in the following shades: Brown, pastel-rose, dark blue, lilac, reddish-grey, brick-red and white. All one has to do is to sow the seed and thin them out thoroughly, and no annual will give better returns for a little care than this.

The Escholtzia, or California Poppy, has been improved so much of late that one would hardly recognize the plant in its new forms. Some of the best kinds are: Burbank's Crimson, Vesuvius (dark brilliant red), Daisy Queen (coral on cream ground), Tango (brilliant red overlaid terra cotta), and Rose Cardinal, a beautiful reddish-rose.

Godetia are very attractive and hardy. Bridemaid, pale pink, Duchess of Albany, pure white, The

Bride, white blotched crimson, and Lady Satin Rose, bright rose, are among the best of the newer varieties.

**New Nasturtiums**  
Nasturtiums have been so much improved that it is now possible to get this plant in a half hundred of colors and with leaves in a dozen different shades of green in half a dozen different shapes.

Fancy seed will cost \$1 for 500 seeds of a really first class mixture, and they are worth it. Separate colors may be had from 10 to 50 cents a package, according to quality. Vancouver Island is producing some of the finest fancy seed in the world, but it is all shipped to English seedsmen and must be obtained from them.

**Sweet Peas** will soon be British Columbia's own flower, for nowhere on earth are such sweet peas grown. Don't take any substitute for British Columbia-grown sweet peas, because there is no other just as good. You will have to make your own choice as there are hundreds of varieties to choose from.

The main message that the writer wishes to emphasize is, order your seeds in good time and get good seeds.



MME. BERTHA KALICH  
The world-famous tragedienne, who will be seen in Sadler's great masterpiece, "Maidie," and "The Riddle Woman," at the Royal Theatre next week.

### Independent Shippers Ask for Commission

KELOWNA, B.C., Dec. 24.—Independent shippers of the Okanagan Valley at a public meeting Friday night, decided to petition the Provincial Government to form a commission of three to investigate all circumstances connected with the marketing of fruit in this Province and elsewhere, paying particular attention to co-operative marketing.

A resolution which will be forwarded to Premier John Oliver stated the independent growers believe this should be done before legislation introducing compulsory co-operative sales is contemplated.



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## Health and Diet Advice

By DR. FRANK MCCOY

**Constipation—Its Cure**  
The most satisfactory relief for constipation is to take one or two enemas daily, using one quart of water in each enema, which should be taken through a long rectum tube from a bag suspended from the wall, with the patient in the knee chest position.

This method of emptying the bowels is far superior to any laxative and there is never in any case a bad effect produced by this treatment. The enema is a universal remedy that can be used for any ailment from fallen hair to fallen arches, and is equally as effective in one as in the other, because of the immediate emptying out

of toxins from the colon without any irritating effect.

This, of course, does not constitute a cure, but a course of treatments with the enemas will greatly tone up the membrane of the colon so that there will be a better flow of the secretions afterward. I have known of several cases where people have taken enemas for over twenty years, who found upon discontinuing them that after two days the bowels began to move regularly, and from that time on there was no trouble with constipation. This statement is made to disprove the one that you have heard so many times, that taking enemas paralyzes the bowels, as this is not founded on facts.

At least ninety-five per cent of those who are reading this article today are suffering from constipation, and I want to advise each one of you to start taking these enemas tonight, using one or two enemas each day for several weeks.

In the meantime regulate your diet so that you eliminate all starches and sugars and everything "made" with milk. Increase the amount of green vegetables in your diet. Plenty of salads should be used each day, and two or three green vegetables, such as asparagus, spinach, string beans, summer squash, etc., using these at least at two meals during the day.

Remember that you must establish the habit of going to the toilet each day, not allowing anything to interfere with this habit, which will be one of the best that you have ever cultivated.

Assume the squatting position on the toilet by placing the feet on the rungs of a chair, leaning forward to get into an imitation of the position used by the natives, who are never troubled with constipation.

Begin tonight taking regular calisthenic exercises, especially the setting up exercise taken while lying on the back. Also start taking long walks, beginning with one mile daily and increasing the distance until you are walking four or five miles each day. This in addition to the walking you do in your regular work.

If you follow the suggestions I have given in this article, at the end of a month, you can discontinue the enemas. You will have to wait two or three days in order for the bowels

to resume their normal functioning, after which they will move twice daily without any irritating effect.

### Goulds Are to Agree

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The New York World says that the heirs of the Jay Gould estate, once estimated at \$2,000,000, have decided to enter a legal fight that has lasted for more than a decade, and is estimated to have cost in attorney's fees at least \$2,000,000.

The World is informed that a score of lawyers, representing the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of the founder of the Gould fortune have arranged a formal agreement among the litigants and that a final settlement is at hand.

### Prince Carol Missing

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Prince Carol of Rumania has been missing from his home here for nearly thirty hours this evening.

Neighbors say Carol was seen to enter an automobile at 4:30 p.m. yesterday. Since then his villa has been darkened and abandoned except for a Rumanian valet who refuses to admit anyone.

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New Shipping Monarch  
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Head of Royal Mail Steam Packet Line Stands Six Feet Seven Inches and Is Director of Forty Different Companies

By virtue of his recent purchase of the White Star Line, Lord Kylsant, Chairman of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, becomes the world's largest shipping operator. Although his fame has gone to many ports, his rise to power has been so silent that to many people on this side of the Atlantic he is a discovery. Lord Kylsant has never been in New York, but if he ever does come all the city will know it, for he stands six feet seven inches tall.

Slender, well muscled, broad of shoulder, alert in every move, Lord Kylsant is so impressive a figure that London knows it when he walks her streets. He appeals to the same British sense for recognizing power which years ago caused throngs in the Strand to pause when Daniel Webster passed by and to say of the visiting orator from "the States": "There goes a man!"

Director of Forty Companies  
Of Lord Kylsant the cable dispatches have said that he is a Samson in frame and a demon for work.

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Those who know him say he is more like a smoothly running human dynamo, almost silent, often invisible in the very places which thrill with the activities he sets in motion. This sea ruler, who so seldom goes to sea, spends most of his days in three offices, those of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Line, the Castle Line and the shipbuilding firm of Harlan & Wolff. He is a business director in forty companies and organizations in all, but three business desks and a desk in the library of his home in Cadogan Square, London, give him facilities for his labors.

One of the surprising features of his career is that he did not come of seaman stock and was not steeped in marine traditions, as many others in his calling have been. Born March, 1863, he came into the world at one of the most critical and significant times in the development of shipping. Owen Cosby Phillips, as he was christened, was the third son of the Rev. Canon Sir James Erasmus Phillips, Prebendary of Salisbury Cathedral. His father was the twelfth baronet of the Phillips line.

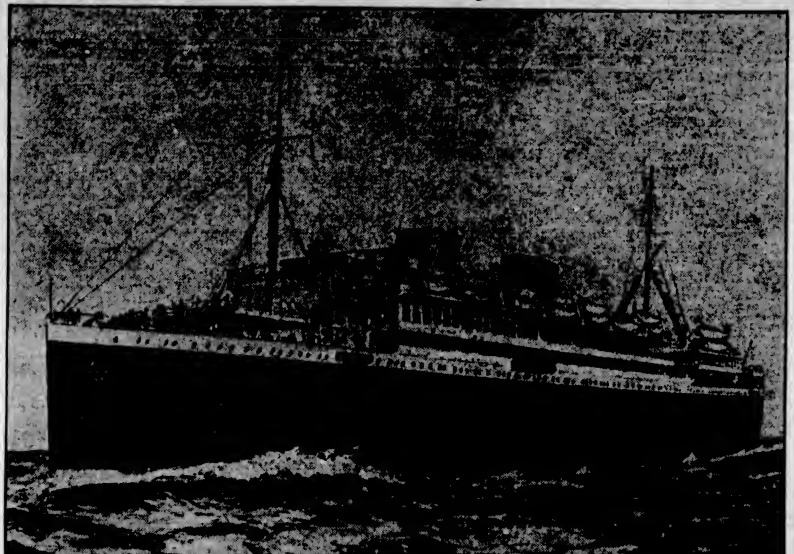
Lord Kylsant was educated in Newton College in South Devon, where he became interested in engineering and economic subjects, although at that time he did not show any special leaning toward maritime affairs. His first contacts with ocean commerce, in fact, were when he entered the

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LORD KYLSANT

service of a Glasgow shipping company.

## Began With One Ship

His natural gifts as a pioneer soon came to the fore. By 1889 he had started on his marine enterprises by becoming the owner of one steamship. When he entered the shipping business everything was in transition. The change from iron to steel hulls for steamships had just been made, and in 1889 came the shift from single to twin screws. From 1890 on, there were many other improvements, as the ocean steamship progressed to its present gigantic proportions.

In all these activities, the Welshman has had a leading part. Lord Kylsant, now sixty-three years old, is as alert for the new as he was at twenty-three. He began by looking ahead, seeking new methods,

testing the latest machinery and devices. He has been the foe of easy and routine methods of doing business and of running steamship lines. Wherever he took charge of a fleet of vessels there came new development, which, later on, were to justify his point of view.

Lord Kylsant, or rather Owen Cosby Phillips, as he was then, became Chairman of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company in 1902, and to his policy of constant rejuvenation the growth of that corporation is attributed. The Royal Mail, founded early in the last century, long before the advent of steam, was intended to carry British mail to the West Indies and South America. It had much of the world's old Royal Mail was growing in power and influence and extending its trade in all the Southern Hemisphere.

## Introduced Refrigeration Method

One of the big developments introduced by the far-seeing "K" was the refrigeration method for transporting food from the New World to the Old. A tremendous trade in frozen beef was built up between the Argentine and England. The same principle was applied to the transportation of the lamb of Panama, and with the digging of the canal it was in a still better position to carry on a trade with the Golden Coast.

President Jackson  
Expected at Dock  
Early This Morning

LATEST advices from the L.American Mail Line steamer President Jackson state the vessel will reach Wharves about 4:30. The ship is bringing in close to 1,500 tons of mixed cargo for discharge here and eight gangs of men will be required for the job. The ship will clear from here for Seattle.

In the development of motor-vessels Lord Kylsant has been very zealous. His agency team with things to do about getting Diesel engines and electrically propelled hulls. Several large passenger craft, motor-driven and of tremendous tonnage, as compared with the original side-wheelers, for instance, were ordered by the Royal Mail.

In his personal habits and tastes Lord Kylsant is very simple, almost abstemious. He does not care for either elaborate fare or rare vintage. In his amusements, although he is a yachtsman, he tends more toward the life of the open country. Of his native land he owns some five thousand acres, and takes a keen delight in being Lord of the Manor of Llan-yddol, near Caerdydd, Wales. His principal seat is Amroth Castle, although he has several other residences, including his London house. He is a member of several important clubs in the British metropolis, such as the Marlborough and the Carlton.

## Shipping Information

## SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific Standard Time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1926.

日	昇	日	昇		
日	時	日	時		
1	7:44	4:31	17	6:50	4:19
2	7:45	4:31	18	6:51	4:19
3	7:47	4:30	19	6:51	4:18
4	7:48	4:30	20	6:52	4:18
5	7:49	4:29	21	6:53	4:18
6	7:50	4:29	22	6:54	4:17
7	7:51	4:28	23	6:55	4:17
8	7:52	4:28	24	6:56	4:17
9	7:53	4:27	25	6:57	4:16
10	7:54	4:27	26	6:58	4:16
11	7:55	4:26	27	6:59	4:16
12	7:56	4:26	28	7:00	4:15
13	7:57	4:25	29	7:01	4:15
14	7:58	4:25	30	7:02	4:15
15	7:59	4:24	31	7:03	4:14

## TIDES AT VICTORIA

Time of high and low water (Pacific Standard Time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1926.

High	Low	High	Low
Water	Water	Water	Water
1	1:15	12:45	1:15
2	1:16	12:46	1:16
3	1:17	12:47	1:17
4	1:18	12:48	1:18
5	1:19	12:49	1:19
6	1:20	12:50	1:20
7	1:21	12:51	1:21
8	1:22	12:52	1:22
9	1:23	12:53	1:23
10	1:24	12:54	1:24
11	1:25	12:55	1:25
12	1:26	12:56	1:26

## THE TIME USED IN PACIFIC STANDARD TIME

The time used in Pacific Standard Time is counted from 4 to 12 hours from midnight to midnight. The figures for daylight saving time are shown in parentheses in the table.

The height in feet and tenths of a foot, measured from the average level of low water.

## Dow Jones' Averages

(Supplied by J. J. Clark & Co., Ltd.)  
Forty bonds, 94.18; off 61.  
Twenty industrials, 140.29; off 10.  
Twenty rails, 121.52; off 33.

## WINTER SCHEDULE TO GULF

## ISLAND POINTS

The steamer Otter leaves Bellville Street Wharf every Monday and Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. and every Thursday at 8 a.m. for the Gulf Islands.

Also the Princess Royal leaves Victoria every Tuesday at 11 a.m. for Vancouver, calling at Port Washington, Ganges Harbor and Mayne Island en route. For further information phone 121 or 121A.

Empress of Russia  
Sails for Orient  
From Here Tonight

OUTBOUND for the Far East, the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia will reach Rithet's Outer Wharves about 5 o'clock this afternoon and sail about one hour later, according to advices received at the local office of the company yesterday. A large number of passengers will board the ship at this port.

British Freighter  
Damaged in Crash

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Rammaging her bow six feet into midships of the British tanker San Fratero, which was at anchor in the harbor, the American-linewal steamship Minnesota last night ripped the plates apart from the top deck to the bilge, reports early today revealed. The extent of damage is unknown, but it is unofficially estimated that repair costs will exceed \$25,000.

Nobody was injured in the collision, the cause of which is being investigated.

## The British freighter immediately

began filling with water and was rushed to the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Yards, half a mile distant.

Stowaway Enters  
Homesickness Plea

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—When Mason Williams appeared in police court today charged with stowing away on the Canadian Government Merchant Marine steamer Canadian Observer, which arrived here this week from San Francisco, he pleaded guilty to the charge and asked that he be left the California city in this manner because he wished to have Christmas dinner with his parents here. He was released on his own recognizance by Magistrate J. A. Finlay.

## Weather Report

Estevan — Overcast; southeast light; 29.90; 37; heavy swell.  
Pachena — Showery; southeast; 29.44; rough.  
Carmanah — Southeast; 29.80; moderate swell.  
Cape Beale — Rain; east; light; 29.82; heavy swell.

CASE MAY GO TO  
EXCHEQUER COURT

Chris Moeller Clearance Issue May Be Subject for Further Application

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Their application for a writ of mandamus to compel Collector of Customs F. W. Davey, Victoria, to grant clearance to the liquor-laden ship Chris Moeller, rejected by Chief Justice Hunter in Supreme Court, counsel for the ship and cargo are today in a quandary and undecided on the next move.

For the reason that the granting of a writ of mandamus is discretionary with the judge who hears the application, and because Chief Justice Hunter has exercised his discretion to the extent of refusing the writ, counsel are of opinion that they could not hope to succeed on this issue on appeal to the Court of Appeal. They are also inclined to the belief that the matter is not one for the Exchequer Court of Canada.

## Soviet Government

## Merchant Marine Is

## Under Consideration

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—British shipbuilding interests, Soviet newspapers report, have approached the government with an offer of \$100,000,000 credit for a period of ten years for the construction of steamers in British shipyards for a Soviet mercantile marine fleet. No confirmation of such an offer, however, could be obtained in British circles.

## Sends Christmas Greetings

"Christmas greetings to all Victoria's transportation boys," is the greeting of Mr. F. O. Finn, agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Shanghai.

In accordance with the wish of the Victoria Tug Company that vessels be home for Christmas, the tug Spray is now en route from Hardy Bay and is expected to arrive about noon today. Messages from the vessel last night state that she is encountering heavy weather, but Mr. Walter Miles, agent of the company, figures it will give the crew a splendid appetite to celebrate around the Christmas board.

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S.S. "SCYTIA" Jan. 28  
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Returning Mar. 28  
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From New York  
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Returning Mar. 9  
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From New York  
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S.S. "MAURETANIA" Feb. 27  
From New York  
Returning Mar. 27  
S.S. "CALEDONIA" Mar. 27  
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Returning Mar. 27

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